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Peres, Hussein sign economic 'understandings'

AMMAN — Jordan's King Hussein and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres last week signed "understandings" on economic cooperation and discussed the outline of a peace treaty after nine hours of talks, senior officials said. Hussein reportedly made clear that Jordan cannot sign a peace treaty with Israel unless Syria does so first. Officials indicated that broad cooperation was agreed upon and that Peres and Hussein actually signed documents. "It is understood that Jordan won't sign a separate agreement, but short of a peace treaty, they agreed to do a lot," one official said. Meanwhile, the stalled Taba talks on Palestinian self-rule are slated to resume this week in a secret location in Cairo.

A kippa-clad Herb Gray, holding a silver-embossed Hebrew Bible, was sworn in last week as the new Liberal government's only Jewish cabinet minister. [Canapress Photo Service: Fred Chartrand]

Herb Gray assumes senior cabinet posts

By PAUL LUNGEN, RON CSILLAG and JOEL JACOBSON

OTTAWA — Wearing a bright blue kippa and clutching a silver-embossed Hebrew Bible, veteran Windsor member of Parliament Herb Gray was sworn in last week to the two cabinet portfolios of Government House Leader and Solicitor General.

For Gray, an MP since 1962, the ceremony marked the seventh time he has been asked by a Liberal prime minister to serve in cabinet. Gray has held a variety of cabinet offices whose one common thread is a link to financial matters: National Revenue, Consumer and Corporate Affairs, International Trade and Commerce, Regional Economic Expansion and as president of the Treasury Board.

His first cabinet appointment came in 1969 when then prime minister Pierre Trudeau made him a minister without portfolio, working with the finance minister.

That appointment gave Gray the distinction of being the first-ever Jewish federal cabinet minister. It was also the first time Gray donned a kippa and brought a Hebrew Bible to the official swearing-in ceremony.

That Bible, purchased at Rodal's Book Store in Montreal, was a gift from his parents and in-laws. Gray said he has used the Bible in every swearing-in ceremony since, though until 1979, ceremonies weren't televised.

In 1980, that changed and the public for the first time saw Gray in his skullcap and Bible. That event caused quite a stir in the Jewish community, he recalled. "People expressed pride and satisfaction about it," he told *The CJN*.

Gray, who has also served as interim Leader of the Opposition, said his appointment as Government House Leader "is certainly a challenge."

His main task will be to bring forward and co-ordinate the government's legislative program, which includes plans to reform parliament by giving individual members a greater role in the drafting of legislation as well as giving MPs more clout in developing budgets and determining government expenditures.

As Solicitor General, a post once held by Robert Kaplan, Gray will be the country's top law enforcement official, responsible for the country's federal prison system and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, which oversees the pursuit of Nazi war criminals.

Gray said no decision has yet been taken on the role in the House of Commons of the Conservative and New Democratic parties, whose poor electoral showing left them without official party status.

He said he was ready to work with both the Bloc Quebecois and the Reform Party if they are ready "to work with me to help Parliament's operations [proceed] smoothly."

The first 24 hours in government were "hectic, exciting and emotional," Gray said. "It is moving to be called to be a senior minister. At the same time it gives you a sense of awesome responsibility."

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Terrorist attack sparks violent demonstrations

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Jewish residents of the territories have launched a second series of violent demonstrations in as many weeks to protest the latest attack by Arab terrorists bent on destroying the Israeli-Palestinian peace initiative.

The demonstrations occurred last Sunday after terrorists attacked a car carrying Rabbi Chaim Druckman.

Rabbi Druckman is a founding member of the Gush Emunim settlers movement and a former Knesset member from the National Religious Party.

Ephraim Ayubi, 30, the rabbi's driver, was killed in the attack. Rabbi Druckman suffered bullet wounds in the arm and shoulder.

The Damascus-based Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a group opposed to the peace process, claimed responsibility for the attack.

Israeli security officials said Rabbi Druckman may well have been targeted for assassination.

Rabbi Druckman was attacked some six miles south of Hebron on the way from his home near Kiryat Gat to a yeshiva in Kiryat Arba.

Gunmen reportedly sprayed the car with 20 bullets from a Kalashnikov rifle and then fled in their vehicle, which had Israeli license plates.

It was the latest in a series of recent attacks by radical groups seeking to derail Israel's autonomy accord with the Palestine Liberation Organization, and it provoked a violent reaction.

The week before, Israeli settlers embarked on a series of violent demonstrations after an Israeli from Beit El, Chaim Mizrachi, was kidnapped and murdered by gunmen from the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement.

The violent demonstrations, directed at Palestinian homes and property, were held as a protest against an Israeli government that the settlers believed has turned a blind eye to their security needs.

In the latest demonstrations, dozens of Israeli settlers came to the scene of the shooting, while hundreds of others reportedly charged the outdoor Arab market in Hebron, where they overturned food stalls, smashed windows and blocked roads.

A demonstration was also held in downtown Jerusalem last Sunday night. Settlers and yeshiva students battled with mounted police and border police and blocked major thoroughfares.

The demonstrators snarled traffic in the capital as the work day ended and then tried to make their way to the prime minister's residence.

The demonstration followed the funeral of Ayubi, which was attended by several thousand mourners, among them rabbis and political leaders from several parties.

In the West Bank settlement of Kiryat Arba, leaders of the Judea and Samaria Council resolved to block all the main arteries in the territories last Monday morning.

Settlers held a stormy meeting with Maj. Gen. Nehemia Tamaria, commander of the Israeli army's central region. They warned him "not to be surprised" if some settler, unable to control his grief and anger, were to enter an Arab village and kill dozens of inhabitants.

That, the general was told, would change the entire political equation in the Middle East in one stroke.

Tamaria, in a brief television interview, said that Israeli soldiers would soon open the roads that had been closed by protesters.

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Kollek's magic shattered

By LEORA FRUCHT

"What does Jerusalem need? It doesn't need a mayor;
It needs a ringmaster with a whip in his hand
To tame prophecies and to train prophets to gallop
Round and round in a circle."
— Yehuda Amichai

JERUSALEM — In his ode to Teddy Kollek, poet Yehuda Amichai described the mayor as "ringmaster" of the circus. Last week, after 28 years, Kollek finally lost control of the unruly circus of a city that is Jerusalem.

In the minds of Jerusalem residents, Teddy, as he is known by all, no longer had the magic. And it was a kind of political magic that enabled the mayor, a Labor party associate, to win six successive elections in a town that is a bastion of the right.

This time, part of Kollek's magic — his apolitical image — was inadvertently shattered by both Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian leader Faisal Husseini.

Rabin's insistence that the municipal elections in general, and the Jerusalem vote in particular, represented a mini-referendum on the peace process only damaged Kollek. By depicting him as a partisan Labor party candidate, Rabin eroded Kollek's support among the city's right-wing majority who until now viewed the long-time mayor as a pragmatic, independent figure.

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CJN Exclusive Ed Mirvish

He's a one-of-a-kind showman, a successful entrepreneur and a community-minded citizen as well-known for his philanthropy as for the silly slogans that adorn his gaudy discount retail store on Bloor Street West in Toronto. "Honest" Ed Mirvish has parlayed his skills as a retailer into a multimillion dollar discount business and expanded his mini-empire with a series of restaurants on King Street and plush theatres in Toronto and London, England. The enterprises generate more than $100 million but it's his offering of 10 cent turkeys and the early-morning lineups outside his 165,000 square-foot Bloor Street emporium that for many represents the quintessential Honest Ed. He recently added writing to his list of accomplishments, authoring Honest Ed Mirvish: How To Build an Empire on an Orange Crate or 121 Lessons I Never Learned in School. Mirvish, who will speak at the Jewish Book Fair on Nov. 16, was interviewed recently by The CJN's Paul Lungen.

CJN: *How did you get the name, 'Honest Ed'?*

Mirvish: When I was nine years old, I quit smoking and put 'honest' in front of my name. I wouldn't [change my name] at a later time, because I wouldn't have the nerve. But mainly, it's to focus attention. Once you put 'honest' in front of your name, the [people] get suspicious, they watch you. And that's all advertising is, focusing attention. Once you get the people you have to satisfy them so that they return again and again. So it's really just another form of focusing attention.

CJN: *At nine you were already thinking about focusing attention on yourself?*

Mirvish: Well, I exaggerate a lot. Actually it was when we started Honest Ed's, but it was over half a century ago.

CJN: *Where did you get the idea for this sort of discount retail store?*

Mirvish: We've never had a plan for what we've done over the years. It's always a development, an evolution. When we started here over 50 years ago, I cashed my wife's insurance policy, $214, and we opened a little lock-up store. The rent was $55 a month. In fact, there's a sign in the corner window. It says, 'The original store was smaller than this window.' So, there wasn't a plan. I didn't sit down and say, 'This is the plan for Honest Ed's.' We started small, we tried to feel what was needed at the time. There were things we becamed involved with [that] just grew and grew because apparently we were filling some need.

CJN: *What was that need that you filled?*

Mirvish: At that time, over 50 years ago, because I had no money and no formal education, I felt that if we could eliminate all the frills, no exchange, no refund, no credit, no delivery, no free parking, [stock] the simplest form of merchandise, we would be able to save people money. That's what happened, and it just kept growing and developing. There are no miracles. Anyone can do it. But my thoughts were, if you eliminate all the frills, you should be able to pass savings on to the customer, if you're buying properly.

CJN: *You mentioned that you didn't have a formal education. Where did you get the skills necessary to run and develop a business?*

Mirvish: I dropped out of school at the age of 15 because I had to go to work. I think you can learn every day if your eyes and ears are open, because you can learn [from] whatever you see, whatever you do, whoever you're speaking to. But, I felt very cheated when I had to drop out of school and if I speak to young people, I tell them education is important. It gives you the tools to work with, but it won't guarantee you success.

CJN: *What was your first job when you dropped out of school?*

Mirvish: My dad died and I was 15 and I inherited a grocery store on Dundas Street with my mother. I had a young brother, 8, and a sister, 6. But this grocery store was in a bankrupt position all the time because my dad would give credit [during] the Depression years and the people couldn't pay. That's why all of my businesses today are cash.

I think I learned from those days. I didn't want to have accounts receivable. And in times like this, it's especially good to have everything tied up in cash. The theatres, the restaurants and the retail business are all cash businesses.

CJN: *How is Honest Ed's, the discount store, doing in the midst of this recession?*

Mirvish: We're not in business to lose money. We were given many offers to branch out and chain out and maybe if we had 200 to 300 stores across Canada and the United States, maybe we would have made more money. But I just wouldn't enjoy it. We've never had partners, we've never had shareholders. It's just the family, my son and my wife and that's it.

CJN: *Where did you get the idea to light up the store with all those lightbulbs, slogans and jokes?*

Mirvish: This also is part of the way I advertise. It's all to focus attention on the store. We have short hours, so I used to advertise that I go to parties at night and sleep in the morning.

We have a store where as soon as you enter, you see a sign, 'Don't bother our help, they have their own problems. Serve yourself and save a lot of money.'

Over the years we did many advertising things that were very radical but I had no partners to answer to, I didn't have to speak to shareholders and I could just be uninhibited in my advertising.

We gave diplomas to people for insulting me. They would send in headlines, 'Honest Ed's no beauty. What do you expect at these prices, a movie star?'

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CJN: *Where did you get your interest in the theatre?*

Mirvish: Up until 30 years ago, I never even went to the theatre. My wife would go, our son would go. I was a storekeeper. But 30 years ago, they were going to throw down the Royal Alexandra Theatre and make a parking lot on King Street in Toronto.

I didn't buy it for altruistic reasons. I thought it was a bargain. I was committed to keep it for five years. If at the end of five years I couldn't make it pay, I could do what I wanted with the theatre. At the end of the fifth year, it was breaking even and making a little. And more important, I was developing an affection for the theatre. So now it's 30 years that I have the Royal Alexandra Theatre and for 20 years I was complaining what an aggravating business it is. And it is. It's an unpredictable, high risk business.

CJN: *What led you to write your book?*

Mirvish: There have been a few books written about me, but I wanted to write a book in my own words. I wanted to make a point that you had to be lucky to live in a country like Canada where you have the opportunity to start out without very much formal education and without any money and improve your condition. That was the point I tried to make in the original title of the book. It was, *From Dundas Street to Buckingham Palace*. I wrote the book and I really didn't think anyone would buy it. In 79 years I forgot a lot of things, but when they said they were going to pay me for it, I remembered everything. In fact I remembered things that never even happened.

CJN: *What are the things you are most proud of in your life?*

Mirvish: I think I've been extremely lucky. In fact, there's one chapter in the book that says, all the hard work and brains in the world can't beat plain, dumb luck.

The thing is, a lot of things have grown and developed and I'm proud to be associated with them, but I think the pleasure, the excitement is when you're building something. You know, you start a little lock-up store on $55 a month rent and you look at Honest Ed's today, I think that says a lot about the country you live in. It's the building, the reaching that's enjoyable. Once it levels off, you have to reach for something else.

CJN: *Do you feel you've accomplished everything you set out to do in your life? Are there things that remain undone?*

Mirvish: Well, we have three main projects we're working on at the moment. One is the new theatre which is six months old and we have to make sure it serves the public well.

The other thing is that we've just recently moved the Toronto Press Club into our premises. The Toronto Press Club has been in business for over 100 years and every five years they go broke. They can't go broke now, even if they have a talent for it. They have no expenses, no rent. They have the bar, the billiard table, they have comfortable quarters and I hope it will work.

Although I don't run the club, I'm a member, but I think it has great possibilities. People still say to me, 'Ed, it'll never work. They're a bunch of drunks. They're going to smash the lights and break the windows and it'll never work.' And I say, 'Good, that's the kind of people I like.' I don't like bland people and I know the press club is going to work.

The third thing [we're working on] is Ed's Theatre Museum of the Absurd, the Unusual and the Ridiculous.

CJN: *What would you like your legacy to be?*

Mirvish: I've been asked, 'Ed, what would you like on your tombstone.' And I said, 'I don't like tombstones altogether.' I don't like cemeteries. What I'd like is to have a throne set up in the centre of Honest Ed's and have a large hourglass. I'd like to be cremated, put my ashes in the hourglass, have somebody sit on the throne and have someone turn it up and down and the employees and customers can point to it and they can say, there's Ed, he's still running.

I'm being facetious. I was once sitting in a restaurant in Mirvish Village on Markham Street with some young people and an elderly lady, and we were talking and the young people were saying that all they want is to be happy. The lady said to them, 'You're not put on this world to be happy, you're here to be of service,' and I think that's what it's all about.

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Na'amat's new president aims to mobilize community

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — The new president of Na'amat Canada says she will use the organization's influence to mobilize the Jewish community on the plight of the agunot in a similar way as was done in the '70s on behalf of the Soviet Jewish refuseniks.

Etty Danzig, who succeeded Rhona Blanshay at the organization's 10th triennial national convention, vowed that raising awareness of and finding a solution to this problem will be a high priority during her three-year term. She said Na'amat will take this issue to both the Jewish community and to government.

The convention passed a resolution supporting the "petitioning" of rabbis to find a halachic solution for agunot and "the routine use" of prenuptial agreements that states, should the marriage fail, neither party will refuse to give or receive a get.

Danzig, a former president of the Na'amat Toronto council, also committed herself to making Na'amat "a relevant force for the advancement of Jewish women in Israel and the Diaspora."

She plans to "market the organization as a Jewish women's philanthropy that acts as a powerful advocate for women's issues" and that will appeal to "thinking" Jewish women.

Rooted in Labor Zionism and affiliated with the largest women's movement in Israel, Na'amat Canada (formerly Pioneer Women) has about 3,000 members. "We would like to be known as a feminist organization."

Na'amat is again a member of the National Action Committee (NAC) on the Status of Women. Na'amat suspended its membership last year during the constitutional referendum campaign because it disagreed with NAC's opposition to the Charlottetown agreement.

Etty Danzig

Danzig said younger members today are not content with simply raising money for projects in Israel; they want to effect change in the lives of women there and in Canada.

The convention, attended by 300 delegates, passed a wide range of resolutions aimed at improving the status and safety of women in Canada. They include national day care at "reasonable cost," pay equity and improved government pensions for women who were not in the workforce during their younger years, as well as pensions for homemakers.

Na'amat also reaffirmed its support of the right of every woman to "safe, legal and affordable" abortion and opposition to "any regressive legislation" that would limit that right.

Elsewhere, it called for more and better funded shelters, including kosher ones where numbers warrant for battered women, by every level of government and stiffer penalties for those who abuse or sexually harass.

Danzig wants Na'amat to reach out to unaffiliated Jewish women and make inroads into small Jewish communities, including such Ontario towns as Kitchener and London, the Maritimes and Saskatchewan.

Another promise of the new president is to develop the organization's leadership in all parts of the country. Members in even very small communities should have an equal chance to move up the ranks as those in larger communities, Danzig thinks.

Danzig believes Na'amat can "breathe new life into communities that are going through the demoralizing experience" of a declining Jewish population, like Winnipeg.

Na'amat's Labor Zionist ideology is still relevant today in Canada, she believes, because it stands for "equality and social justice" and they are keys to Jewish continuity.

In Israel-related matters, the convention resolved that Jerusalem be "the eternal unified capital of the Jewish state" and applauded negotiations between Israel, the PLO, Jordan and other nations interested in peace.

It also called upon the government of Israel to extend "equal rights and equal recognition" to all streams of Judaism.

Danzig has been a Labor Zionist all her life, following in the footsteps of her parents, having joined its youth wing as a child. Her husband Yehuda, who was Ontario executive director of the Jewish National Fund for 25 years, is also active in the movement.

Na'amat launched two new projects during the three-day convention. The organization has undertaken to sponsor a counselling centre for victims, as well as perpetrators, of domestic violence at a new shelter for battered women, sponsored by the municipality of Tel Aviv.

It will also help support Hand in Hand, a project to provide legal assistance to women fighting for their rights in Israel.

Lebanese immigrant gets jail term

By PAUL LUNGEN

CHARLOTTETOWN — A Lebanese immigrant convicted of promoting hatred against Jews and of shooting a Charlottetown man has been sentenced to four years and three months in jail.

Michel Safadi, a 29-year-old landed immigrant, was also convicted of carrying a firearm for a purpose contrary to the public peace.

The charges arose out of an incident in December, 1992 in which Safadi shot Prince Edward Island resident John MacEachern outside his home. Evidence produced at trial showed the home was listed in the telephone directory as the residence of a family named "Israel."

Following the sentencing, MacEachern told reporters "we're just assuming because we shared a duplex with the Israels. . . he thought I was Jewish."

Safadi was also charged with distributing 45 letters to churches, businesses and the RCMP which insulted Christianity and which Safadi signed with names indicating they were written by Jews.

Safadi, acting on his own behalf, presented a bizarre defence, suggesting that the Israeli secret service was following him and trying to incriminate him.

In imposing a three-month sentence for the hate promotion offence, Justice Armand DesRoches said hate crimes are "more heinous as [they] attack the very fabric of our society."

Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, said the sentence seemed commensurate with precedents set in other hate promotion cases. The jail term falls between the $3,000 fine imposed on former Alberta school teacher Jim Keegstra and the eight-month jail terms imposed on Donald Andrews and Robert Smith, who were convicted in Toronto of promoting hatred against non-whites.

Vatican ties downplayed

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Vatican recognition of Israel is becoming "less and less important," an Israeli embassy official told Toronto UJA leaders last week.

Avi Granot, the embassy's counsellor for church affairs, advised the delegation to expect diplomatic relations soon but that Vatican acceptance of Israel is not a high priority.

"We are not pushing for that. We think it's a moral issue. In a sense we have already been disappointed," said Granot.

It will only be weeks or months, Granot estimated, before the big announcement from Rome because "the vast majority of issues have been solved."

But Granot, in a briefing for 180 participants on a UJA mission to Washington, expressed his own disappointment with the Vatican's attitude to Israel.

"The Vatican has had an obligation after 2,000 years of persecution to recognize the Jewish homeland," he said. "They owe us and it didn't happen."

Now, according to Granot, the Vatican is getting worried about losing its influence because the "peace process is moving very fast." Without diplomatic relations, the Vatican would relinquish any possibility of affecting events.

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UTJ gathering draws 300 leaders

By RON CSILLAG

Movement rejects encroaching liberalism

TORONTO — Some 300 leaders of the U.S.-based Union for Traditional Judaism (UTJ) gathered for their 10th annual meeting here last week to reaffirm their strict commitment to Halachah while simultanously stressing the need to reach out to unaffiliated Jews.

The UTJ's "uniqueness," delegates heard, lies in the movement's rejection of encroaching liberalism, particularly within the Conservative movement, coupled with a commitment to Torah values; equality — but not egalitarianism — for women; and the feeling that non-observant Jews, like innocent children, should be embraced and nurtured instead of turned away.

The three-day UTJ conference drew almost 100 cantors, about 75 rabbis and some 125 lay leaders from across North America to discuss the overriding theme: what constitutes the ideal traditional Jew.

Participants could choose from a panoply of workshops and seminars on topics like Working Towards Traditional Feminist Judaism and Reassessing the Role of Clergy in a Traditional Community.

It all added up to how best to promulgate traditional Jewish — sometimes referred to as "Conservadox" — values in communities racked by assimilation, intermarriage and liberal forces in Judaism.

The UTJ, based in Teaneck, N.J., was founded 10 years ago by rabbis and scholars seeking to make Conservative Judaism more conservative.

Originally, it was called the Union for Traditional Conservative Judaism. For those occupying the right flank of the Conservative movement, it was a response to what they saw as the steady erosion and laxity of their movement's halachic process, starting with the ordination of women.

But seven years later, the Conservative tag was dropped, as the UTJ discovered that some modern Orthodox Jews in the United States were also interested in coming aboard. Moreover, the UTJ was encountering success in grassroots outreach to the unaffiliated.

Also in 1990, the UTJ set up its own seminary, the Institute of Traditional Judaism, which ordains only men. Today, the mesivta has six full-time and 12 part-time students, in addition to three rabbis who expect to graduate with a second, "traditional," smicha.

Last year, the natural alliance between right-wing Conservative rabbis and their left-leaning Orthodox colleagues was sealed when the Fellowship of Traditional Orthodox Rabbis (FTOR), born in 1987 of frustration at the failure of liberal Orthodox rabbis to gain influence within North American Orthodoxy, was merged into the UTJ. (It should be noted that the UTJ has attracted few members or rabbis from Canadian Orthodox congregations.)

Thus was born a new rabbinic fellowship, the Morashah, a Hebrew acronym for Council of Rabbis, Guardians of Halachah, which, in terms of practical benefits, offers everything rival rabbinic bodies do: pensions, placement services and insurance.

The success of the UTJ lies in its numbers. The organization claims as members over 8,000 lay families and 350 rabbis in the United States and Canada.

Few places on the continent have been as attracted to this form of traditional Judaism as Toronto. Conservative rabbis here have come perilously close to breaking away from their professional body, the Rabbinical Assembly (RA), over a series of resolutions the RA has adopted over the years, mainly dealing with homosexuality.

Virtually every Conserative shul in Toronto has aligned itself with the UTJ's back-to-tradition philosophy. In other words, Conservative Judaism in Toronto can be written with a small 'c' as well.

In Canada as a whole, the Conservative movement is generally viewed as being to the right of its American equivalent.

That rightward pull has also affected cantors in Toronto and Montreal. Chazzanim in those cities, disenchanted with the admission of women into the Conservative cantorate and other developments seen not to be in keeping with Halachah, have broken with their Cantors' Assembly to form the International Federation of Traditional Cantors.

Those cantors were treated at the UTJ conference to a variety of workshops, including ones on the human voice and composition analysis. A gala cantorial concert ended the gathering's second day.

Before this year is over, the fledgling cantors' group hopes to begin talks to formally affiliate with the UTJ.

Among the UTJ's more successful outreach projects has been the institution of a 1-800 telephone number to answer halachic conundrums from the public, said UTJ executive director Rabbi Ronald Price in his "state of the union" address.

"We [traditional Jews] are but a small segment of the Jewish population," Rabbi Price said. "But we are not fighting for our place any longer."

Rabbi Mark Kunis, co-chair of the Morashah, put it more forcefully in one address: The UTJ "is the only voice of sanity in this crazy world."

The movement was formed as a reaction to the "deterioration of the Conservative movement and its commitment to Halachah," while the FTOR was set up "as a reaction to the tyranny of the right."

While the UTJ has encountered a good measure of recognition, it did not anticipate "the degree of paranoia in the mainstream Orthodox and Conservative worlds, which have incessantly attacked and threatened us," said Rabbi Kunis.

But those battles with the establishment "only distract us. If we are to succeed, we must somehow gather our inner strength and put our fears aside."

A keynote address and Talmud shiur were delivered by UTJ senior statesman and rosh mesivta Rabbi Prof. David Weiss Halivni.

The need to reach out to the unaffiliated was stressed by UTJ Talmud instructor Rabbi Ozer Glickman.

Unaffiliated Jews should be viewed "as innocent children" and " not wilful perverters of Judaism." But the non-observant should not be given roles in Halachic debates or in setting outreach agendas, Rabbi Glickman told the closing dinner.

The dinner paid tribute to five Toronto rabbis for their outreach work. Rabbis Wayne Allen, Irvin Beigel, Joseph Kelman, Howard Markose and Philip Scheim all received plaques of appreciation from UTJ president Burton Greenblatt.

Other Canadian rabbis attending the conference were Wilfred Shuchat, rabbi emeritus of Montreal's Shaar Hashomayim Congregation; Ira Grussgott, rabbi of Shaar Hashomayim; Sherman Kirshner, formerly of Pride of Israel Synagogue in Toronto; Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation; Arnold Fine from Agudath Israel Congregation in Ottawa; Mark Friedman from Montreal's Shaare Zedek Congregation; David Rosenberg from Congregation Beth Tefilah in London; and Ely Braun of Ottawa's Congregation Beth Shalom.

Abe Jamplosky, on behalf of Vancouver's Shaarey Tefillah Synagogue, announced that Rabbi Price has been named the congregation's honorary rabbi.

CJC archives keeps soldiers' memories alive

Jewish participation

All these voices are connected to the story of Jewish participation in the two world wars. They speak from the vaults of the Canadian Jewish Congress National Archives, repository of a multi-faceted selection of records and memorabilia from this period.

The Canadian Jewish Congress formed a war efforts committee shortly after the outbreak of World War II to handle recruiting, outreach to servicemen and public relations matters. To assist in these tasks, a nominal roll of Jewish servicemen was compiled and maintained throughout the war.

Another major element of their work was the Jewish Chaplaincy Service. Jewish chaplains conducted services and performed other functions of a spiritual leader, contacted National Defence Headquarters on all matters affecting Jewish service personnel, distributed religious literature, and kept in touch with isolated units and individuals not within reach of a rabbi.

Canadian Jewish enlistment in both world wars was high, a fact which is little known to many. Over 16,000 Jewish men and women enlisted in all branches of the military and military support during World War II, a total of 9.8 percent of the Jewish population of Canada at the time. Recently many former servicemen have come to Canadian Jewish Congress with written and taped memories of their war experiences. These personal accounts bring to life the statistics and reports of departmental records in the Archives collection.

In addition to written and oral accounts, the Archives houses photographs, medals, uniform buttons and insignia, and other items relating to the servicemen's life overseas. Visitors are welcome to explore this rich community resource, and are encouraged to add to it with their own experiences.

. . . "I only wish to say that in order to annihilate savagery and brutality we must need turn into temporary savages ourselves. This part of the game is not very appealing to a more or less cultured human being.

. . . "Every legionnaire is ready to die and every legionnaire is sufficiently vain to desire to be remembered. I therefore enclose a thing that our sole Windsor photographer calls my picture. In return I hope to hear from you and if possible from Miss Ross (we learn to be daring here)."

— Elias Ginsberg, Jewish Battalion, Windsor N.S., from a 1918 letter to his Jewish community hostesses in Montreal.

"I had never eaten pork or pork products. Even its smell made me queasy.

"The first breakfast at HMCS Cornwallis consisted of reconstituted powdered milk, reconstituted powdered eggs greasily scrambled in pork fat, reconstituted orange juice, greasy pork sausages and tepid tea with powdered milk. I could not reconstitute my eating habits into this kind of diet. I swallowed some orange juice, and weak tea with burnt toast. This didn't fulfill my dietary requirements from 7 a.m. to noon."

— Joe Baumholz, World War II recollections from *Memory's Heart* (unpublished).

"It will be recalled that when Ottawa finally approved the principle that the Jews were entitled to their own military chaplain, it was proposed that the first one appointed, presumably charged not only with the duty to function as an individual chaplain, but also to organize this hitherto unprecedented branch of the service, be given the rank of Major. It was the Jewish Congress that turned this offer down, stating that 'for reasons of policy and equity, the proposed appointment should carry the rank of Captain [the minimum rank].' I can only assume that after a long struggle for the principle, it was felt prudent not to ask for too much."

— Rabbi Gershon Levi, the first Jewish Army chaplain appointed in Canada during World War II, from *Breaking New Ground: The Struggle For a Jewish Chaplaincy in Canada* (unpublished).

"My dear friend,

"Just a few lines to let you know that I have heard from Sol, and I am happy to be able to say that he is getting on nicely over here and is quite happy. That is, as happy as one could be away from his own home and kinsfolk.

"May God bless you and yours, and soon give you a happy reunion with Sol."

Most Sincerely, (J. Eisen) Squadron Leader, Staff Chaplain (Hebrew).

— Rabbi Jacob Eisen, typical letter sent to serviceman's parents, Dec. 12, 1944. From CJC War Efforts records series DA 18.1/23/6.

Women urged to demonstrate on behalf of those without gets

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Jewish women may demonstrate outside the business offices of men who refuse to give a get, or Jewish divorce, if that's what it takes to shame them, said Norma Baumel Joseph, president of the International Coalition of Agunah Rights (ICAR).

They might also consider picketing synagogues or civil legislatures or using the media to draw attention to the problem of Jewish women who cannot remarry in a traditional ceremony because their estranged husbands refuse to issue the get, Joseph said at the recent 10th triennial national convention of Na'amat Canada.

ICAR, which claims to speak for 1.5 million women in the United States, Israel and Canada has declared the Jewish year 5754 The Year of Freedom for Agunot. Na'amat is one of the founding members of the Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get, which is affiliated with ICAR.

Rabbinical courts in North America do not have the power they had in past centuries to persuade recalcitrant husbands to give their wives a Jewish divorce, Joseph acknowledged, but she believes most lack the will to find a just, permanent solution within halachah, or even to use the moral authority they have.

The task of Jewish women is to convince the rabbinate — and the community as a whole — to make the issue a priority.

Withholding the get is a form of abuse, Joseph feels, and agunot often live in "despicable conditions, forgotten by the community."

She noted that it took some lobbying to get a session on the agunot on the agenda of the Council of Jewish Federations' General Assembly being held this month in Montreal.

Joseph described the plight of several of the "thousands" of agunot who have come to ICAR's attention:

A beth din in the United States told one woman to drop charges against her husband that he sexually molested their daughter in exchange for his issuing the get. When she told the rabbis she feared for other children he might abuse, they said the next mother can press charges.

In another American case, a woman who had been beaten by her husband with a baseball bat was advised by the rabbis to go on a vacation with him to try to save the marriage.

In Canada, a woman mortgaged her house for $120,000 to pay the ransom her husband demanded for a get. Another Canadian woman handed over the business she had built to her husband to receive a get.

(In 1990, Ottawa passed a law that prevents using the get as a bargaining tool to extract concessions in civil matters, such as access to children.)

Things are no better in Israel. The rabbinical courts did nothing for a woman who was infected with a venereal disease by her husuband, who openly lives with a mistress.

In one international case, ICAR was able to convince the rabbis to reverse a decision in favor of an abusive husband. When a battered Israeli woman fled to Montreal, rabbis judged her a "rebellious wife" and awarded custody of their children to the father. Through ICAR's intervention, Joseph said, custody eventually went to the mother.

Joseph was part of a delegation of Jewish women "from across the religious and political spectrum" that met with the two chief rabbis of Israel in September.

That meeting was secured only after the TV cameras recorded agunot chaining themselves to the gates of Hechal Shlomo, the seat of the chief rabbinate in Jerusalem.

The delegation presented five possible solutions to the chief rabbis: prenuptial agreements in which both partners agree to a get transaction if the marriage fails (rabbis would agree not to perform marriages without them); "conditional" gets, similar to those that were standard in Israel until 1967 in which husband going off to war signed documents saying they divorced their wives if they disappeared for a certain number of years; civil remedies — difficult in Israel because family law is in the hands of the rabbinate; annulment of the marriage, which is possible in Judaism; and coercion.

Joseph said she is not in favor of what happens in some ultra-religious communities — the rebbe orders the recalcitrant man to be beaten until he changes his mind.

Another speaker at the convention, U.S. sociologist Rela Geffen, noted one method that's been effective in some religious communities: all the women refuse to go to the mikvah. Deprived of sex, the other men are motivated to exert pressure on the get-refuser.

There are cases of women refusing to accept the get, Joseph said, but it is possible for rabbinical courts to grant him permission to marry again.

Since the meeting, a joint committee of ICAR and the chief rabbinate has been formed. "I don't know if this is a way of shelving the issue or addressing it," Joseph said.

In the meantime, she urged that the Jewish organizations give the issue a high profile by putting it on the agenda of every convention and "adopting" agunot in each community.

Polish Jews hope to learn their past

MONTREAL — The Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre is assisting two Jewish women in Poland, who were hidden as children during World War II, in their quest to find out more about their backgrounds.

One of the women, Elzbieta Ficowska, now 50, was 6-months-old when her mother managed to smuggle her outside the Warsaw Ghetto. The rest of the family is believed to have died in the ghetto or in concentration camps.

Ficowska was sheltered by Stanislawa Bussold, who later became her stepmother. She believes her birth mother Henia Koppel (nee Rochmanowna) perished in 1943 in a camp called Poniatowa.

Otherwise, Ficowska knows very little about her mother and does not even have a photo of her. She is hoping someone remembers her and can help her connect with her roots.

She thinks former classmates of her mother's in the '20s and '30s at a girls' elementary school called Szkola Powszechna on Narbutta Street or at the the high school, Gimnazjum Rozenfeldowej on Dluga Street, may recall her.

The other woman, Roza Gorska, wants to find out who her parents were, where she was born and more about her early childhood. She is the only member of her family to survive the war.

She was placed in the care of non-Jews and used the name Marysia Kolakowska.

In 1943, she was sent to a convent in Warsaw where she remained till well after the war. The convent remained her home, even while she attended university in Lublin.

She only learned of her Jewish origin in the mid '80s after the death of the nun who had been her guardian. She had kept it a secret during the war to protect the child's life and never revealed it afterwards.

Anyone who wishes to contact these women can do so through the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre, 5151 Cote Ste. Catherine Rd., Montreal, Que. H3W 1M5; telephone (514)345-2605.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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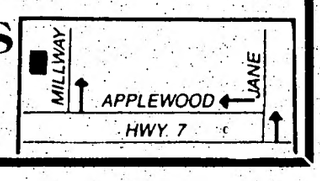

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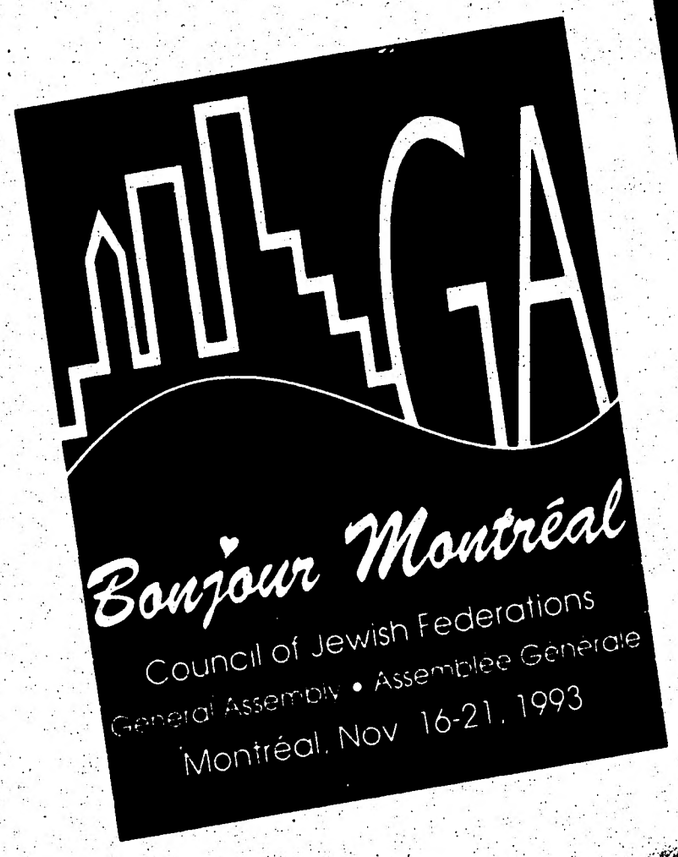

Presentation of the first G.A. delegate kit to the Royal Bank, sponsors of the kits. From left to right: Roslyn Wolfe, G.A. executive co-chair; Joyce Tanner, co-chair G.A. fundraising committee; Michael Turcote, Senior vice-president Royal Bank of Canada, Quebec region; Mitzi Dobrin, co-chair G.A. fundraising committee; Barbara Plotnick, delegate kit co-ordinator; Rosalind Goodman, G.A. executive co-chair.

Roslyn Wolfe and Rosalind Goodman

Extraordinary effort

As co-chairs of the General Assembly's Host Committee Roslyn Wolfe and Rosalind Goodman performed the unimaginable. Their extraordinary efforts will be seen everywhere at the G.A.

The year long task involved over 1,000 people, hundreds of meetings and thousands of working hours.

Working with an energetic and dynamic steering committee, the awe-inspiring job was done, recruiting 1,200 volunteers; fundraising; soliciting for drinks, food and other delegate needs; event planning; and more.

Kudos as well to the Steering Committee co-chairs: Marilyn Blumer, Betty Laxer, Evie Khazzam, Rhoda Granatstein, Helen Levy, Ruth Ballon, Dina Azuelos, Carole Aizenstark, Joyce Tanner and Mitzi Dobrin. G.A. Host Co-ordinator is Barbara Roberts.

G.A. fundraising an overwhelming success

Joyce Tanner and Mitzi Dobrin, co-chairs of the G.A. fundraising committee, have accomplished something extraordinary. In a mere six months they have managed to raise all the money needed to make this year's General Assembly (G.A.) of the Council of Jewish Federations the most successful to date.

Tanner and Dobrin tried a different approach to fundraising than in past years. Instead of seeking support solely from those within the Montreal Jewish community, they sought sponsorship from outside and the response was overwhelming. "We knew we had a great product (the G.A.) to offer businesses," comments Dobrin.

Many Montreal area banks and businesses were quick to respond to the obvious benefits of reaching 4,000 delegates through this unique Jewish event. The 4,000 G.A. delegate kits were sponsored by The Royal Bank, the Women's Division Reception is being sponsored by Scotiabank, the Young Adult Division of Federation CJA Saturday night blowout bash is sponsored by The Laurentian Bank of Canada, the nightly jazz bistro "Bistro Desjardins" is sponsored by the Mouvement des caisses Desjardins, the Jewish Heritage and Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Tour is being sponsored by the Bank of Montreal, the Toronto Dominion Bank is sponsoring the "Ceintures Fléchées" volunteer identification sashes, and Holt Renfrew and Browns Shoe Shops Inc are sponsoring the G.A. information book.

"We were overwhelmed by the response from the corporate community. We in turn utilized all opportunities to recognize and profile these generous sponsorships," says Tanner.

The banks are not the only generous supporters of the G.A. Honorary G.A. chairs Andrea and Charles Bronfman are sponsoring the Thursday evening gala reception for the 4,000 delegates. "When the time came to approach those within the community, it was not a hard sell. The Montreal Jewish community is renowned for its generosity and the G.A. is no exception. People are proud to be associated with this prestigious event," says Tanner.

Mitzi Dobrin and Joyce Tanner

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Montreal MP Finestone gets multiculturalism post

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The cabinet is relatively small, composed of 22 ministers. Rather than enlarge it, Prime Minister Jean Chretien opted to create a second tier of junior ministers, to be called secretaries of state.

The eight secretaries of state will not sit at the cabinet table but will assist ministers in various areas.

Among them will be Montreal MP Sheila Finestone, who will work on the multiculturalism and status of women portfolios and report to Heritage Minister Michel Dupuy.

Finestone, first elected in 1984 in the heavily Jewish riding of Mount Royal, holds more or less the same responsibilities as did Gerry Weiner, the Jewish multiculturalism minister in the former Tory government.

B'nai Brith Canada says it's not worried about the multiculturalism portfolio going from full cabinet status under the Tories to a second-tier status under the Liberals.

"The message has to go out that anti-racism programs be front and centre," said BBC's government relations point man Ian Kagedan.

"But our main concern is that the job get done. [The cabinet] is an impressive team and we're very enthusiastic and hopeful."

Other ministries BBC will keep an eye on will be foreign affairs, justice, national defence, immigration and citizenship and solicitor general.

Ditto for Canadian Jewish Congress, whose main "talking points" centre on the same ministries.

Issues of concern CJC expects to bring forward to the new government are Canadian pressure on Syria regarding Jewish emigration, the pursuit of Nazi war criminals, the presence of white supremacists in the military and the refugee determination process.

The Reform Party of Canada has little endorsement from CJC.

"The Reform Party has simplistic answers to complicated questions. Partners of that type attract a certain fringe," Congress president Irving Abella said last Friday in Halifax, where he attended CJC's annual national small communities committee conference.

"I'm delighted there are nuts in the party because if they are not discovered, the party may gain more respectability than it deserves," Abella said.

He said CJC has met with Reform leader Preston Manning.

"He's not really a concern to us. Mr. Manning even represented a riding in Calgary that has a fair number of Jewish people in it.

"But he says he can't find the radicals in his party. We know Mr. Manning realizes these people do harm to his party and he'd be delighted to have them out. He's told us, 'You find them and we'll throw them out.' "

But Abella is worried about Reform's potential to replace the Progressive Conservatives

"Given the fact the PCs can't raise funds as they did before and that Reform is on a roll, it just might accept people who are not racist, but still have a racist fringe hiding in back. If they play their cards right, then we could be in trouble."

Restrictive immigration policies, as recommended by the Reform party, also concern Congress.

"The public doesn't get the real message of the importance of immigration in this country," he said. "Over the years, immigrants have provided wealth and jobs and a mosaic to Canada, but people are too concerned with only looking at queue jumpers and people gouging welfare.

"That's the message we all see and one the media transmits, and that's wrong."

Canada is a country of immigrants that hates immigrants, he said.

"A substantial part of the Reform party vote can be traced to that feeling. They have a simple answer: 'Throw the bums out.' "

Abella said it's important the Department of Immigration crack down on illegal immigrants because abuse gives immigration a bad name.

"But if you're a refugee, by definition fleeing for your life, you will abuse the system to save your life."

He said Canada has to be a "bit more charitable letting in people who maybe should not be admitted. The government has to retain Canada's reputation of being a nation of immigrants, and must welcome new people."

NOTICE OF PROBATE

This is to announce that the Will of the late **Aaron Harband of Tel Aviv, Israel**, has been placed for probate in the Tel Aviv District Court, File No. 475/82, before Judge Bar Ofir.

Mr. Harband has left a Will leaving his inheritance to his late wife, Giza Harband.

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Kollek loses mayoralty

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Faisal Husseini put another nail in Kollek's coffin when he urged East Jerusalem Arabs to vote "to block the Likud." In the end, less than seven percent of eligible Arab voters came to the polls. But Husseini's message did mobilize Jewish Jerusalemites to rally behind the Likud out of fear of an "unholy" alliance between Kollek and the Arabs.

And Kollek contributed to his own downfall by leaving voters with the image of a man and a party that have lost control.

Just last year, the 82-year-old mayor effectively admitted that he was too old for the job and announced that he would not run again. His sudden reversal was used against him mercilessly in the campaign.

Kollek's failure to groom an heir also haunted his One Jerusalem party. In a much publicized fiasco, Kollek brought in former IDF spokesman Nachman Shai several months ago, then unceremoniously dropped Shai when Amos Mar-Haim — the long-serving city administrator slated to replace the mayor — made too much of a fuss. Voters simply didn't know who would really be running the city if they cast their ballots for Kollek.

If Kollek and his allies didn't make enough mistakes on their own, Ehud Olmerrt's deal with the ultra-Orthodox parties clinched the election, and the apathy of the city's secular residents, most of whom didn't bother to vote, sealed Kollek's fate.

The irony is that the elections did not serve as a referendum on the peace process, despite the prime minister's initial efforts to depict them as such, and despite the Likud's insistence that they do.

The voter turnout in Israel's municipal elections, including in Jerusalem, was the lowest in the history of the country — just 36 percent. In national elections, participation is always over 80 percent.

Certainly a referendum on an issue as vital to Israelis as the peace process would have galvanized more voters. But to the vast majority, the municipal elections were really about garbage collection and schools, and not about the future of the Middle East.

In fact, the victory of former Likud minister Ronni Milo in Tel Aviv, a traditional left-leaning city, was due largely to Milo's successful efforts to divorce himself from the Likud and from national issues. (He broke party ranks by abstaining in the Knesset vote on the peace agreement, placed a left-wing Meretz man in the number two slot of his Tel Aviv list, and made a point of not inviting Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu to his victory party.)

But the upset in Jerusalem still leaves Rabin with a number of issues to ponder. The disappointing turnout by East Jerusalem Arabs suggests that they continue to regard the city as their capital and will not co-operate in any effort to lure them into a united Jerusalem, no matter how benevolently it is run.

It also raises the question of just how much — or how little — influence PLO moderate Faisal Husseini has over other East Jerusalem Arabs.

Another question haunting the Labor party is the significance of the ultra-Orthodox vote in Jerusalem. Many Labor ministers have been quick to label the ultra-Orthodox embrace of Olmert as just another ploy to win power and funding in the municipality.

But the alliance could also be motivated by ideology. It was, after all, the Habad movement that responded to the government's peace accord with a campaign warning that "The Land of Israel is in Danger."

The pivotal question is what, if any, impact Olmert's election will have on the peace process. His supporters argue that if Jerusalem is to remain Israel's undivided capital, as Rabin has repeatedly promised, then the change of guard should not have any effect on negotiations.

"But if Rabin has some secret plan to give part of Jerusalem to the Palestinians then Olmert will act as an obstacle," maintained one Likud supporter.

Olmert's detractors insist that the Rabin government opposes any concessions on Jerusalem and point out that it was under Kollek's reign that sprawling Jewish neighborhoods, where 120,000 Jerusalemites now live, were built beyond the 1967 Green Line.

Kollek's great skill, say his supporters, was his ability to expand Jewish Jerusalem without provoking tension among Arabs.

By contrast, the right's highly publicized moves into the Moslem quarter of the Old City and the Arab village of Silwan inflamed Palestinians, provided international outrage and brought only a few dozen Jews — and hundreds of soldiers — to new Jewish outposts.

This type of needless provocation could turn Jerusalem into another Beirut or Belfast, they argue.

"If Olmert undertakes similar acts of provocation at this sensitive time, it will only increase international pressure on Israel regarding Jerusalem," maintains Uzi Baram, the Labor party minister who urged Kollek to run again.

For his part, Olmert has sent mixed signals.

Though he has been depicted as an obstinate hawk, his record shows that he is in fact a moderate. In 1990, as Likud's minister in charge of Arab affairs, he approved a plan to renovate the Shuafat refugee camp, a hotbed of radicalism on the outskirts of Jerusalem.

Several years ago, he defended the right of prominent Palestinians to meet with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat. And in 1987, he himself met with some Palestinian leaders, much to his party's dismay.

He maintains — and some Palestinians agree — that he will be a better defender of the civil rights of Jerusalem's 150,000 Arab residents than Kollek was.

But Olmert insists he will make no political concessions to them.

Upon being elected, he immediately declared Jerusalem "a Jewish city" and proclaimed the right of Jews to settle anywhere in the city.

"No matter how moderate Olmert himself may be, he owes something to the electorate that voted for him," notes Baram.

Olmert's United Jerusalem party won only five of the city council's 31 seats, with 13 going to various religious parties, and two to the right-wing Tsomet party. (Kollek's One Jerusalem got six seats, the left-wing Meretz party, four, and singer Yehoram Gaon, who ran as an independent, won a single seat.)

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אויף אייַנער פון זיינע זיצונגען האָט דער קאָמיטעט באַשלאָסן אַרויסצוגעבן אַ נייעם יידישן זשורנאַל, וואָס זאָל אָפשפיגלען די טעטיקייטן פון יידישן ישוב אין מיאַמי בכלל און פון די אינדיווידועלע יידיש-קלובן בפרט. דער ערשטער נומער האָט געהאַט 32 זייטן. מיט דער צייט אָבער האָט דער זשורנאַל אָנגעהויבן דרוקן אויך שאָפונגען פון אַנדערע שרייבער, און נישט בלויז פון מיאַמי-ביטש. איצט האָט ער 100 זייטן.

דעם דערפאָלג פונעם זשורנאַל איז צו פאַרדאַנקען צווייי מענטשן, וועלכע שטייען בראש פון דער רעדאַקציע: אָשר שטשוטשינסקי (85 יאָר אַלט) אין מיאַמי-ביטש, און משה בעקער (87) אין ישראל. סיאיז אַ נישט-פראָפיטירנדיקער זשורנאַל. ער האָט נישט קיין באַצאָלטע אַנאָנסן. ער ווערט אויסגעהאַלטן פינאַנציעל פון ביישטייערונגען פון יידישע לייענער און פון גרעסערע סומעס פון גוטהאַרציקע מעצענאַטן.

משה בעקער אין ישראל קוקט איבער, שרייבט איבער און רעדאַגירט דעם גאַנצן מאַטעריאַל. ער שיקט דאָס גאַנצע פעקל צו „אַדלער גראַפיקס" אין טאָראָנטאָ, וואו עס ווערט אויסגעזעצט. די אָפצוגן ווערן דאַן צוריקגעשיקט קיין ישראל, כדי בעקער זאָל זיי קאָרעגירן און אויסשטעלן די זייטן. ער שיקט עס צוריק קיין טאָראָנטאָ, וואו עס ווערט צוזאַמענגעשטעלט לויט זיין אָנווייזונג און סיווערט דאָ געדרוקט. ווען דער זשורנאַל איז שוין פאַרטיק, ווערט ער איבערגעשיקט קיין מיאַמי-ביטש, פון וואַנען ער ווערט צעשיקט אין פיל יידישע ישובים פון דער וועלט.

סיאיז פאַרשטענדלעך, אַז אַזאַ מין זשורנאַל קען נישט צופרידנשטעלן אַלעמען מיט זיין אינהאַלט. עס זיינען דאָ אַזעלכע, וואָס האָבן שטענדיק עפעס פאַרצוואַוואַרפן בנוגע דעם געדרוקטן מאַטעריאַל. זיי פאַרשטייען נישט, אַז „דער אָנהייב" שטרעבט צו דינען אַלעמען – דעם ליטעראַט און דעם פשוטן מענטש, דעם באַוואוסטן שרייבער און דעם „אָנהייבער", דעם פיל-וויסנדיקן און דעם „אַלץ-ווייסנדיקן".

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Terrorist attack arouses anger

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He declared, too, that the army would deal with any group seeking "to take the law into its own hands."

The latest settlers' protests followed incidents of violence in Hebron that began last Friday night, when Jews were stoned while walking to prayers at the Machpelah Cave, where the biblical patriarch Abraham is believed to be buried.

Jewish groups reacted by smashing windows of Arab cars and homes and beating Arab passersby. Settlers also threw stones at Arab cars on the road between Hebron and Kiryat Arba.

"If we see that we are abandoned, we'll have to take care of ourselves," one settler said on Israel Television following Sunday's attack.

"We have guns, we have ammunition, and people will take the risk of getting arrested. Some people already say they prefer to be arrested than to be dead, " the settler said.

The attack on Rabbi Druckman prompted calls on the government from right-wing parties to stop negotiating with the PLO.

Leaders of the right-wing opposition Tsomet and Moledet parties said the PLO could not continue to be excused for the repeated attacks.

They were joined by the Likud party, which called on the government to guarantee the safety of Jews living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Likud party leaders said that if the PLO could not stop the attacks, Israel should stop negotiating with the PLO.

Cabinet ministers briefed about the latest terrorist attack during their weekly meeting Sunday were clearly angered. But they reiterated the government's position that extremists must not be permitted to destroy the peace process.

This is another "terrible attempt to kill the peace process by killing Israelis," said Health Minister Chaim Ramon.

"We have to continue with the peace process as if there is no terror, and we have to fight terror as if there is no peace process," said Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, repeating a line often used by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Flyer Ron Arad reported alive

TEL AVIV (JTA/JPFS) — Longtime missing Israeli air force navigator Ron Arad is alive and being held in Syria, a senior PLO intelligence official contends.

The official also says that the bodies of three Israel Defence Forces soldiers missing since the 1982 Sultan Yacub battle of the Lebanon War are buried in a Damascus cemetery.

Sheffi Gabai, Arab affairs reporter for *Ma'ariv*, wrote last week that he was given the information by Col. Nezair Amar, head of military intelligence for the Fatah wing of the PLO.

Amar, who is a member of the PLO delegation to the autonomy implementation talks at Taba, spoke to the reporter during an interview at the Sinai meeting place late last month.

According to Gabai, Amar said he had investigated the reports about Arad's fate and "can say with complete certainty that the Israeli air force navigator is alive and held in Syria."

Gabai said Amar confirmed reports that Arad had been captured by forces of the Lebanese Shi'ite Amal militia during the Lebanon War and handed over to the pro-Iranian Hezbollah group.

Amar, according to Gabai, said Hezbollah then handed Arad over to the Syrians.

Arad is the only one of seven Israel Defence force personnel captured in Lebanon who is presumed to be alive. He was shot down near Saida, Lebanon, in October 1986.

Over the years it has been reported that Arad was being held in Lebanon and Iran.

A high-ranking IDF officer said last week there is a great deal of doubt the report is accurate and chances are that it is wrong. Nonetheless, he said, the report is being taken seriously.

The security establishment refused to respond officially to Amar's remarks.

Gabai quoted Amar as saying, "The Syrians tell journalists today that (Arad) is in the hands of the Iranians. But I don't think that is possible without [the Iranians'] agreement."

He quoted Amar as saying that the three Israeli soldiers who were wounded and captured during the Sultan Yacub battle "were collected by members of the A-Saiqa Palestinian unit of the Syrian army, bundled into vehicles and taken off to Damascus, apparently to hold them for some future bargaining process with Israel.

"But I later found that they had died of their wounds," the PLO official reportedly told Gabai.

Amar told the Israeli journalist that he started his investigations after a visit to Tunis by Yona Baumel, father of Zachariya Baumel, one of the three missing IDF soldiers, who had come to seek news of his son.

"I believe the reports I received," Amar said.

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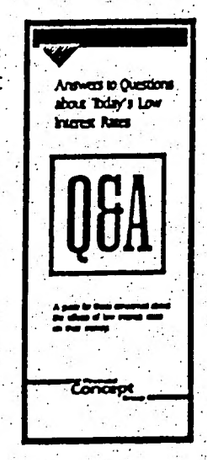

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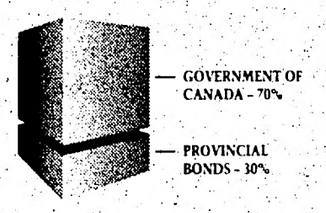

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The News in Brief

March of Living Butts Out

TORONTO — The 350 Canadian teenagers and 50 adult chaperones participating in the 1994 March of the Living will not be allowed to smoke during their two-week pilgrimage to Poland and Israel, scheduled for April 4-17. The decision was reached by Canadian lay and professional representatives of the March of the Living during a recent meeting here. Although many of the 35 other countries taking part in the program have banned smoking during ceremonies, Canada is the first country to extend this ban to the entire trip. The no-smoking policy has been endorsed by rabbis from all denominations as well as from the Canadian Medical Association, the Canadian Cancer Society, the Ontario Lung Association, the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Non-Smokers' Rights Association.

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Gravedigger's Conviction Restored

OTTAWA — The Supreme Court of Canada has restored the conviction of a Winnipeg gravedigger who joked he had "crushed another Jew" by filling in graves with a backhoe in a way that crushed coffins. Ronald William Mills, who worked at a Jewish cemetery near Winnipeg, was convicted in 1991 of offering indignities to human remains by deliberately crushing coffins. He was fined $2,500 and ordered to perform 150 hours of community service. But a year ago, the Manitoba Court of Appeal overturned the conviction. In a unanimous ruling last week, the Supreme Court of Canada restored the conviction, saying Mills' remark that he "crushed another Jew" showed his act may have been deliberate because of anti-Semitic views.

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63,340 Immigrants So Far This Year

JERUSALEM — Some 63,340 immigrants, 52,850 of them from the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), arrived over the first 10 months of the year, the Absorption Ministry reported last week. This represents a three percent increase in the number of CIS immigrants over the same period last year. Western European immigration also showed an increase, to 2,313 over 2,041 last year. But American aliya declined from 1,851 last year to 1,810. In October alone, 6,450 olim arrived, 5,625 of them from the CIS.

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Olympic Bid Opposed

JERUSALEM — Israel will oppose the participation of a "State of Palestine" at the Olympic Games, the Israeli foreign ministry said here recently. The statement came after deputy foreign minister Yossi Beilin met with Israeli sports officials. Earlier, International Olympic Committee officials said that as a result of the mutual recognition pact between Israel and the PLO, they would consider Palestinian applications to field its first-ever team at the Olympics.

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Israel Assures Greenpeace

TEL AVIV — Environment Minister Yossi Sarid has assured Greenpeace that Israel will reduce its production of a pesticide that the environmental group warns has been harming the ozone layer. Israeli production of methyl bromide, a chemical used for crop-dusting and pest control, will be reduced by 1995 to 1991 production levels, Sarid said. Sarid made the comments during a meeting with members of Greenpeace aboard the group's flagship, the Rainbow Warrior, which arrived in Haifa last week for a four-day visit to Israel.

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'Oldest' Wall Unearthed

TEL AVIV — Archaeologists have uncovered what they believe is the oldest fortress wall ever found anywhere, the Antiquities Authority has announced. According to archaeologist Eli Yanai, an 83-foot-long wall unearthed near Hadera is more than 5,000 years old. But some experts estimate the wall to be as old as 7,000 years. Along with the wall, which is about one metre tall, a watchtower was uncovered at the site as were the skeletons of a young couple clasping each other and the house of a well-to-do family in which a rare copper axe was found.

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Exporter Pays Boycott Fine

WASHINGTON — A large grain exporter has agreed to pay $85,500 in civil penalties to the U.S. Commerce Department amid allegations that it complied with the Arab economic boycott of Israel. Cargill, Inc., a Minneapolis-based exporter of grain and other agricultural commodities, and two of its subsidiaries in Antigua and Brazil were charged with 52 alleged violations of the anti-boycott provisions of the Export Administration Act. Cargill agreed to pay the fine but neither admitted nor denied the charges.

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Canavan Disease Breakthrough

NEW YORK — Researchers have discovered the gene responsible for Canavan disease, a rare brain disorder that primarily strikes Ashkenazic Jews of Polish, Russian or Lithuanian ancestry. Researchers at Miami Children's Hospital Research Institute now want to test affected families to search for all the genetic mutations that cause the illness. Canavan disease, which mostly strikes infants, is related to adrenoleukodystrophy, a disorder made known by the book and film *Lorenzo's Oil*. There is no treatment or cure for Canavan disease but a test can determine with 90 percent reliability whether a person is carrying the defective gene. Initial research indicates that as many as one in every 30 descendants of Eastern European Jews may be carriers. For more information, contact the Canavan Foundation, 320 Central Park West, Apt. 19D, New York, N.Y. 10025, (212) 877-3945.

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Yom HaTorah in Paris

PARIS — Some 50,000 Jews gathered in the Paris suburb of Le Bourget last week for the third annual "Yom HaTorah" gathering inspired by France's Chief Rabbi, Joseph Sitruk. Apart from dozens of stands selling religious items, such as mezuzot, ketubot and even electric hot plates for keeping meals warm throughout Shabbat, the vast, 270,000-square-foot exhibition hall was devoted to booths where visitors could learn the meaning of various Jewish rituals. A highlight was a speech delivered by Israel's Sephardic Chief Rabbi, Eliahu Bakshi-Doron. Alongside a booth occupied by the Israeli Embassy in Paris, representatives of religious settlements in the territories were recruiting prospective candidates for aliyah.

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Televised Bible Study

ROME — Three Jewish scholars are participating in a nine-month, interfaith television initiative to teach Italians more about the Bible. Since the beginning of October, Italian state-run television has been broadcasting a six-minute program, "Know the Bible," from Monday to Friday morning. Each program features a Bible verse with commentary by a panel of Jewish, Catholic and Protestant experts. Special programs are broadcast to coincide with the holidays of the various religions.

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Israel Envoy Courts Ethnics

LOS ANGELES — Avi Granot, an envoy from the Israeli Embassy in Washington, is actively courting different communities in multicultural and predominantly Christian America. As the first Israeli to hold the title of liaison to ethnic and religious communities, Granot has an unusual vantage point for gauging shifting sentiments toward Israel. During a three-day visit to the Los Angeles area last week, he got the opportunity to put that vantage point to the fullest use. In a single day, Granot had breakfast with Latino leaders, lunch with Asians and attended an afternoon reception for Christian dignitaries. The evening before, he met with an African American delegation. Granot believes there has been a dramatic change in American attitudes toward Israel, especially among mainline Protestant churches, since the handshake between Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat.

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UN Credentials Unchallenged

UNITED NATIONS — For the first time since 1981, Israel's United Nations credentials have been accepted in the General Assembly without a challenge from the Arab group of member nations. The General Assembly agreed to seat Israel late last month without a debate or challenge, reflecting an improved political climate in the Middle East since Israel and the PLO signed their accord. From 1982 to 1989, Arab members of the General Assembly regularly challenged the credentials of the Israeli delegation. But procedural steps taken each year by members of the Scandinavian delegations prevented the world body from voting on the Arab challenges.

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Israel Settles Parking Tab

WASHINGTON — Israel became the first nation to settle its account when it issued a check for $62,870 last week to cover its diplomats' parking tickets. A list released by Congress reportedly shows that Russia owes the most in parking tickets: $3.8 million.

Front Line

Kollek's defeat a sad farewell to a true statesman

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

Teddy Kollek's 28 years as Jerusalem's widely celebrated mayor has come to a pathetic end. Beyond this one result, which was not unexpected, little has really happened in Israel's local elections.

It is hard to say whether the last minute alliance between Likud's Ehud Olmert and the Ashkenazi Haredi front was the decisive factor in his victory. In the past, Kollek's popularity had always counted more than the strength of the Labor party in Jerusalem. But this time, at 83, his candidacy failed to convince the electorate to give him another term. A sad farewell for a statesman whose political skill and wisdom have steered this city through the fateful years of its reunification and to whom it owes its spectacular development from a provincial frontier-town to its present metropolitan splendor.

It is too early to say how the election of Olmert, whose political background is so different from Kollek's, will affect the internal peace, the lifestyle and above all, the political future of the city that will sooner or later have to be formalized within an Israeli-Arab settlement. Olmert has won the mayorship in a binding alliance with the Haredi front whose agenda can hardly fit the complex requirements of a modern capital inhabited by a mosaic of peoples and which is a focal point of world attention. If he will be a party politician, he will fail. But he is a talented person and undoubtedly aware of the heavy heritage he is now called upon to administer. He should be helped to preserve it.

The general results of these elections, in which mayors and councils were elected separately, do not provide sufficient clues as to the political mood of the country regarding government policies as such or the peace process in particular. These were after all, and despite subsequent afterthoughts, administrative elections attended by less than 40 percent of voters, an all time low.

Furthermore during the campaign, party affiliations were blurred and disguised by candidates themselves. The newly elected Likud mayor of Tel Aviv, Ronnie Milo, who succeeded the dovish Shlomo Lahat, also elected 19 years ago as a member of Likud, even rejected his party's patronage. However, the Rabin government feels uncomfortable with the results. They came at a delicate moment in the peace talks during their first of many predictable impasses. Foreign Minister Peres' optimism is as sound as ever. He promises new developments but does not elaborate.

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In Taba, the Israeli and PLO delegations are engaged in hard bargaining over different interpretations of their recent agreement. The expectations of their constituencies, both insecure as to the outcome of the talks, are even wider apart. Jewish and Arab opponents of the peace process are using political incitement as well as violent means to undermine the peace process. The initial public support for the peace plan on both sides is not increasing lately and the media, eager to sensationalize whatever leaks from the closed rooms of the Taba Hilton, plays a major role in confusing public opinion. The official handouts of the delegations do not help the true picture to emerge, as each delegation is trying to prove how right it is in pursuing its own views. And neither political establishment — PLO or Israel — has so far mobilized enough moral courage to tell their respective constituencies how high the costs of the historical compromise to which they have committed themselves are likely to be.

Meanwhile, Hamas has intensified its savage terrorist activities against Israeli soldiers and settlers. The clear aim is to provoke the nervous settlers' community into violent revenge, to force the government to intervene militarily against both sides in the hope to bring the negotiations to a standstill. The government continues its operations against Arab terrorism, but cannot totally eliminate it. There will be more clashes between Arabs and settlers and inevitably more bloodshed and the internal debate in Israel will sharpen.

For its part the PLO has so far managed to control only its own followers who are now abstaining from terrorist acts and the intifada, as we knew it, is on hold. At the same time the official PLO is hesitant to unequivocally condemn Arab terrorism and has still no security personnel in place to impose its will against Hamas fanatics and their allies. To complete the picture, spokespeople for the Jewish settlers are also reluctant to condemn the unruly amongst them who take the law into their own hands, burn Arab property and block the roads in the territories.

However, the Likud leader, Binyamin Netanyahu, while still routinely accusing the government of not properly defending the Jewish settlements, for the first time clearly condemned the recent acts of violence perpetrated by the extremists. This could be a first indication that the cracks in his party discipline caused by the impact of the peace process may actually lead it to a different, more rational style of opposition. We shall soon see whether the impact of the local elections in which Likud fared slightly better than Labor and regained some self-confidence, will help such a trend to mature or — on the contrary encourage the Likud leadership to continue to expose the narrowly supported government to harassing no-confidence tests in the Knesset.

The mood of the Arab population in the territories, particularly in the congested Gaza Strip, is inscrutable. Political assassinations are carried out not only between PLO and Hamas, but also between factions of the PLO itself. This is the expected power struggle and accounts-settling before the Israeli military withdrawal from heavily populated Arab centres that will leave the PLO in charge. But it is questionable whether the Palestinian police and its intelligence branch will, once in place, have enough authority and skill to guarantee public order. A delicate problem is the degree of co-operation between Palestinian and Israeli security forces, necessary to ensure the troublefree co-existence between Jewish settlements and the Palestinian environment during the five-year autonomy period.

One must also remember that the agreement does not intend to isolate one community from the other or to separate greenline Israel from the autonomous Palestinian entity in the years to come. In the short run there is also no substitute for economic co-operation between Palestinians and Israelis which is likely to continue even after separation. Whether objective needs will prevail over emotions or will succumb to petty bureaucracy or to short-sighted nationalism, is anybody's guess. But then, this is also true for the bigger question, namely whether the parties are finally ripe to make the best of the opportunities or will stumble again. The events of the last fortnight appear to leave all these questions even wider open than they were. But the impression is misleading. The peace process is not really stagnating.

Rabbi Lau among top newsmakers in Israel this year

By CARL ALPERT

We present our annual list of the top 10 names which made their major debut in Israeli news during the past year. They are all new names. Those listed in previous years are not eligible for inclusion.

It should be noted that these are not necessarily "heroes" in the usual sense, but for one reason or another they attracted the spotlight. In alphabetical order:

Yossi Beilin, once called Peres' "poodle" by Yitzhak Rabin, has during the past year gradually emerged from behind Peres and, as deputy foreign minister, become a leading figure of the left wing of the Labor party and the unofficial spokesman for the elements agitating for territorial compromise with the Arabs for the sake of peace.

Warren Christopher, U.S. Secretary of State. After some preliminary, tentative exploration of the Middle East situation, he finally stepped into the picture, exercising influence and persuasive powers with all parties involved. What will come of it, and whether he will be any more successful than his predecessors, remains to be seen.

Faisal el-Husseini, a leader of the team of Palestinians with whom Israel has been negotiating all year, is regarded by some as a moderate with whom it is possible to talk, and by others as a wily adversary who seeks to lead Israel down a slippery path of concessions. Others, among his own people, regard him as a traitor who is not belligerent enough in his dealings with Israel.

Pop singer **Elton John** flashed through Israel like a meteor, making headlines with perhaps the year's most bizarre non-event. Arriving for a concert, John claimed he had been "mobbed" and left the country in a huff the same day, only to return a day later to sing for thousands of adoring fans, ready to forgive and forget.

Concentration camp survivor **Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau** is elected chief Ashkenazi rabbi of Israel after a contest marked by unseemly and even nasty allegations of improper conduct. He promised to raise the status of the Chief Rabbinate in the eyes of the public.

Yeshayahu Leibowitz, one of Israel's most controversial religious and political mavericks, regarded by many as a personal iconoclast in almost every matter of public concern, was nominated to receive the prestigious Israel Prize. After the wave of public indignation which followed the announcement, he declared he was unwilling to receive it because of the furor, and because he did not want to embarrass Prime Minister Rabin, who had stated he would refuse to attend the award ceremony.

Prof. Itamar Rabinovitch, former rector of Tel Aviv University, a foremost authority on Syria, and author of books analyzing that country, served this year as able head of the Israel team conducting delicate negotiations with Syria. In February he assumed additional responsibilities as new Israeli ambassador to the United States.

Haim Ramon, minister of health, was the centre of a major power struggle as he pushed for adoption of a health insurance bill which would reorganize health and hospital coverage for the entire nation.

Avraham (Beigel) Shohat, minster of finance, has been at the centre of numerous public controversies all year. They included the civil servants' strike, the proposed tax on capital gains on the stock market, composition of the national budget and taxation reforms. Justifiably, he has found his present post far more exciting than his previous one as mayor of the quiet town of Arad.

Yaakov Terner, police inspector-general, was sacked by his boss, police minister Moshe Shachal. In mutual bitter recriminations which monopolized the headlines for days, Terner charged that Shachal wanted him removed from authority over the police investigation of Shas minister Aryeh Deri, an investigation which was threatening the stability of the government. Shachal countered that Terner had stepped beyond proper bounds by discussing, while still in uniform, the possibility of his becoming a Labor candidate for mayor of Tel Aviv.

Cholent Abuse is the newest Jewish horror

By ALLAN GOULD

Cholent. If you're not from a traditional Jewish background, you may not be aware of this remarkable ethnic treat. Potatoes, beans, onions, and — if your family belonged to the Polish Jewish aristocracy — hunks of meat. All placed on a hot stove or in a heated oven and cooked for long hours from Friday on, so religious Jews would have something warm to eat on the Sabbath, without having to light a fire.

But headlines around the world have shown rising fear over a tragic new Jewish horror, Cholent Abuse.

Cholent Abuse could be affecting your children, but before you panic, take a deep breath, cut out and paste on your fridge these Telltale Signs, just below the wonderful drawings of your gifted youngters, keineinhora.

Telltale Signs of Cholent Abuse

— Chronic stomach upset and bulging stomach.

— A sudden change of friends, from vegetarians to meat-eaters.

— Spotting your child stealing potatoes, beans, and often (but not always) massive hunks of cheap brisket, and discovering that your largest meat pots are missing.

— The inability of your child to eat milchik meals.

— Wild mood swings, from complaining of overeating, to complaining of overeating.

— Frequent belching, burping and mumbling "mechayah."

— Loss of interest in discussing anything with family except the cost of potatoes and beans; the high price of kosher meat; the difficulty in finding quality Spanish onions at the market, etc.

— Always having his/her lunch made for school, but refusing to show it to you when you ask.

— Hanging around his/her bubbie's house, begging endlessly for something to eat — especially on Sabbath afternoons.

Look. You're not a failure as a parent. You're not helpless. And you are certainly not alone.

If you think you're a failure, consider these facts:

There are many kids with neglectful Jewish parents who never even touch cholent. And there are also children with seemingly model Jewish parents who do abuse cholent.

Allan Gould

The first thing to accept is, while cholent is indeed dangerous and can be fatal, it is simply one more problem that Jewish children have to handle, from endless bar mitzvah parties in their early teens, to tremendous pressure on 15-year-old girls to "get married, already."

The Aware Jewish Parent Is The Good Jewish Parent

There are no symptoms which are absolutely reliable in spotting cholent abuse. But there are clues, as you have seen in out telltale signs above.

Don't jump to conclusions, even if that's the only exercise you get around your house. Many of these warning signs for cholent abuse are the same as those for greben grabbing, kneidl and kugel craving, and latke loving. It's all part of the ups and downs of being a Jewish teenager.

Start Within Your Family

Everything must start with a frank discussion. It's crucial that you speak frankly with your child about the possibility of cholent abuse. And it's particularly important to talk about your values, and why you are dead set against the overeating of cholent — even after shul on Shabbat.

If your youngster seems evasive, or the explanations are unconvincing, you may wish to consult a good Jewish doctor, preferably one who is not hooked on cholent.

You might also wish to have your child visit a cholent professional, such as bubbie, to see if she can help.

Whatever You Do, Never Give Up Hope!

Don't you forget: That child who now seems to be grotesquely indulging in cholent is the same boy or girl who, only a few years ago, gave you such joy at their bar or bat mitzvah. Someday, he or she could find the cure for the Heartbreak of Psoriasis, or win the Nobel Prize for Physics. But the kid needs your help now, more than ever before.

For more information on how to talk with your Jewish child about cholent abuse, you can obtain a free copy of "A Jewish Parent's Guide to Stopping Cholent Overuse" by calling 1-800-CHOLENT.

(Allan Gould is the author of 18 books, including the scholarly What Did They Think Of The Jews? *and the very funny anthology,* The Great Big Book Of Canadian Humour. *He tries to avoid cholent at all times, except on Shabbat afternoons; otherwise, he'd sleep 20 hours a day. Which is another tell-tale sign, now that he thinks about it.)*

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The General Assembly

In 1863 the Young Men's Hebrew Benevolent Society was founded in Montreal. It was the first Jewish social welfare agency in Canada. Its mandate, like the mandate of every Jewish social welfare agency that came before and after it anywhere on the face of the earth, was to assist fellow Jews in need.

Between November 16 and 21, just yards away from where the Young Men's Hebrew Benevolent Society deliberated and held their council 130 years ago, the federated social welfare agencies from some 800 Jewish communities in North America, representing approximately 6,000,000 people, will be convening for the 62nd annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.

More than 4,000 Jewish leaders from around the world will arrive in Montreal. They are gathering at a time of great change and great challenge in Jewish history. No one knows this better than the delegates themselves. Epoch-making events are unfolding in the Middle East between Israel and her neighbors against a relatively new backdrop of increasingly expressed fears for the future of Jewish continuity in North America. The implications for Israel and for the Diaspora are significant. In recognition of the fact, even Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres recently commissioned a special committee to study the matter.

The highlight of the conference will undoubtedly occur when Prime Minister Rabin addresses the Assembly on November 18. The atmosphere should be electric with anticipation for it will be the first time since the signing of the agreement with the PLO that the Prime Minister of Israel will speak and share his thoughts with so large and representative a body of the Jewish people of North America.

The delegates to the Assembly will be received by more than 1,200 volunteers from the Montreal area who will host, guide, and share their hospitality with their guests. In so doing, they will showcase to the entire Jewish world the warmth and the generosity of their unique, bilingual, vibrant and dynamic Jewish community.

To all the guests convening in Montreal next week we extend a heartfelt Canadian and Québécois and Montreal welcome. In coming together, exchanging views, sharing ideas, debating, discussing, making new acquaintances, and renewing old ones, may you find fulfilment and reward. May your sessions be informative and your activities engaging.

And may you all return safely to your respective communities inspired with the resolve that is contagious and that mobilizes individuals to reach out and embrace the collective, mutual responsibility that has been a central teaching and a hallmark of our people throughout the ages.

Bruchim habaim.

Important work

The Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada (JHSOWC) is to be congratulated, on this, the 25th anniversary of its founding for the important work it has done in preserving and reconstructing the contributions of the Jews of western Canada to the building of this nation.

To celebrate the silver anniversary, the society has brought together a volume of oral testimonies about Jewish life on the prairies from the latter part of the nineteenth century to the mid point of the current one.

Taking a lead from Studs Terkel, the American writer who has popularized oral histories, the editors of the commemorative volume have sifted through the hundreds of interviews with prairie Jews — primarily from Manitoba and Saskatchewan — and extracted from those recorded conversations some of the pithiest comments ever registered about the experience of the immigrant generation in this country.

In colorful and often Yiddish-flavored English the Jewish pioneers of the West speak of terrible hardships endured as well as of opportunities seized. They paint a picture of a Winnipeg as a city of muddy streets and a Jewish neighborhood referred to affectionately by its denizens as "Mitzrayim," — Egypt.

This oral history presents authentic Jewish voices reflecting on frequent hard times, occasional anti-Semitism and abundant camaraderie among Jews and between Jews and gentiles. The rugged conditions of life on the prairies experienced by Jews and gentiles inevitably drew the two communities together.

As prairie communities grew, new priorities asserted themselves and the voices mirror the interest in radical politics, the development of an urban ethos and the concerns of Jewish education. The JHSOWC has supplemented the Jewish voices in this volume with a series of photographs that put charming images with words.

The Jewish community of Winnipeg can be justifiably proud of its new brochure because it helps Canadian Jews in general and western Jews in particular to understand the heroic roles prairie Jews played in shaping Canadian society.

YEHOSHUA FRIEDBERG MEMORIAL

At a recent memorial service held by the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (AACI), Karen Munk (right), fiancee of Montreal-born IDF soldier Yehoshua Friedberg, who was murdered by Arab terrorists earlier this year, joined Friedberg's aunt and uncle Vita and Shlomo Selinger, who live in Israel, in a torch-lighting ceremony. The memorial torch pays homage to the nearly 200 North American victims of Israel's wars and terrorist attacks. The annual ceremony is held at a memorial forest established by the AACI on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

DON'T GIVE UP LAND

I find the attempts to appease Yasser Arafat and his cohorts by relinquishing different sections of the ancient biblical territory of Israel to be not only disgusting but also inconsistent.

This is a slap in the face to the many Zionists who sacrificed so much blood, effort and sweat to safeguard a Jewish homeland promised by God. If all these Zionists had not fought to create a Jewish homeland and had never set foot on that one-time Jewish territory, there would now be no need whatsoever for any appeasement or relinquishment of land.

Milan Francis Poskocil
Toronto

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NIX ON ZUNDEL PIX

I think it was in very poor taste to have a picture of Ernst Zundel in your newspaper (Oct. 21). This picture does not deserve a place in a Jewish magazine.

Harold Kates
Toronto

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CHANGE OF PACE

Jack Chisvin's narrative on The Simple Things in Life is a refreshing antidote to the troubles and worrisome events our media dutifully reports. In the tradition of a Leacock or W. O. Mitchell, Chisvin reminds us of happier times, (or so it seems) in our lives.

Ms. Rucker, keep him writing for us. His grandchildren will be proud of their zayde!

Martin Wolfish
Toronto

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SUPPORTS GOVERNMENT

I read with interest Rabbi Dow Marmur's article in the Oct. 14 *CJN*.

I, and the organization which I chair, The Canadian Institute for Jewish Research, were among those who have always stressed public Jewish solidarity with the Israeli government on issues of defence and security.

In the days of the Likud government, when even Israel's so-called allies were exerting immense pressure on her to take steps which the government at the time felt posed an existential risk to Israel, strident Jewish voices, raised publically in letters to the editor, op-ed pieces, etc., in widely-circulated North American and European print and electronic media, worked to undermine what meagre support Israel enjoyed.

On the other hand, frank discussion and exchange of the entire range of opinions, by all interested parties, was always encouraged within the community, or expressed directly to the Israeli government and its representatives abroad.

Today, the policies of Israel under the democratically-elected Rabin government have changed. The government today is buoyed by much more widespread international approval, and, if current polls are accurate, by increasing internal support as well. Some claim, therefore, that dissenting voices may not pose a threat to Israel's image or security (and may even prove a welcome foil to a government somewhat overwhelmed in a headlong rush to change).

Let me, however, respond forthrightly to Rabbi Marmur's challenge by reiterating, unequivocally, that myself and the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research stand by our commitment to support publically the security and defence policies of the duly-elected government of Israel.

We fervently hope and pray, now as in the past, that decisions taken are correct; for although they may in one way or another touch the lives of each and every Jew, it is the people of Israel that will have to live with the consequences of their government's decisions.

William Bilek, M.D.
Montreal

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NOT CONSERVATIVE

While I appreciate the interest that *The Canadian Jewish News* has shown in the conference of the Union for Traditional Judaism, I must also express deep dismay at a puzzling and blatant error in the headline, reiterated later in the body of the article announcing the conference (Oct. 21).

The Union for Traditional Judaism has, since its creation, been a coalition-building entity within the Jewish community. It is not connected to any movement. The organization once had the word Conservative in its title, but removed it years ago for two reasons.

The first was that our constituency includes many modern Orthodox rabbis, lay people, hazzanim, educators and others.

The second reason, which also explains the first, was that ideologically we are in no way related to Conservative Judaism, as is evidenced by our Statement of Principles.

The Union for Traditional Judaism is an outreach organization created to bring Jews closer to open-minded observant Judaism. We conscientiously avoid criticism of other groups to our ideological right and left, and have simply emphasized the teachings of Torah and Halachah to the broadest possible community through creative programming. For example, our toll-free number for questions about traditional Judaism has just been extended into Canada (1-800-843-8825).

Our Conference '93 emphasized themes designed to impact on the individual Jew and the lifestyle he or she lives. The overall theme was The Creation of the Ideal Traditional Jew, and included study with faculty members of the Institute of Traditional Judaism.

In addition, this conference was a historic first-time gathering of rabbis, cantors, educators and lay people to deal with issues of mutual religious and communal concern.

On behalf of the Union for Traditional Judaism I thank the Toronto Jewish community for welcoming this event.

Rabbi Ronald D. Price
Executive vice-president
Union for Traditional Judaism
Teaneck, N.J.

Opinion

President's wife shone at the Reform convention

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I have just returned from five days in San Francisco where my wife and I attended the 62nd General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. As always, these gatherings have a very special flavor — in part because of their very size. Some 5,000 people milling through the halls of the convention hotel, spending their days and evenings in prayer, study, lectures, workshops, discussions, votes and of course, sociability. I saw participants whom I meet only every two years and whom I was glad to encounter again. I listened to some splendid lectures and some not so splendid, but the major impression revolves around those moments when some 5,000 Jews assembled in one place, prayed and sang together.

The Jewish tradition that there must be at least a minyan in order to give a service its full potential has long been recognized as central. Something happens when you are with others and pursue similar goals. While prayer itself does not depend on them, their very presence gives one's striving a special dimension. And if this happens in a minyan, how much more so in a Shabbat or Yom Tov congregation. Thousands of Jews speaking and chanting the ancient words, striving for the same goals, and sharing basic aspirations, make for an emotion which is hard to describe.

Rabbi Plaut

We Jews of course are not the first to discover this. Other faith communities can double and triple our numbers — but I am not of the others and for me, a convention like this always remains a memorable experience. It doesn't matter where you sit; the spirit catches you and lifts you up.

One noontime gathering was especially memorable. The Religious Action Centre in Washington — which brings the moral and social concerns of our movement to the attention of government — had invited the U.S. president to address the gathering. But he couldn't come, and instead it was his wife, Hilary Rodham Clinton, who spoke to us.

She appeared without fashion adornments, was plain in dress and demeanor, simple and direct in speech. Her humanity and intelligence shone through without special gimmicks. A person without pretence, she succeeded because she was simply and unabashedly herself.

Because she and her husband have well-informed script writers, she was able to fill her address with any number of references to Judaism and the purpose to which our Assembly was dedicated. Like a good preacher she began by making reference to the weekly sedrah, to our new year 5754; she spoke of her own Shabbat and seder experiences. Her references were natural, her pronunciation of the Hebrew words flawless — in other words, she was not only well prepared but was, as the saying goes, "into her subject." And her subject was the moral conscience.

Taking note of the fact that she was addressing representative of the Reform movement she made a point by saying that for her, Reform was a moral imperative, and she applied this to her central task (at least for the moment); the reform of American health care.

For Canadians listening to her, much of what she had to say in this respect was not new. But for Americans the idea of universal health care is still something that has to be sold. There are more U.S. citizens without any type of health care than the entire population of Canada.

I will not repeat here the now famous six points of the Clinton health plan. They are primarily an American affair. But what goes beyond that concern is the underlying motivation which she stressed time and time again: a sense of humanity and caring. Twice at least she quoted the prophetic saying that "where there is no vision the people perish."

But health care was not her only concern. She also stressed gun control, another subject on which Americans are embroiled in endless debate. Here, as in everything she said, she conveyed a sense of moral urgency — and it was this that communicated itself to her hearers. I was not the only one who felt that perhaps I was listening to the first woman who would some day become president of the United States.

Implementing peace deal will take plenty of patience

By MILTON HARRIS

We who have long advocated direct negotiations with the PLO could hardly believe our eyes — it actually happened: Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat shaking hands on the White House lawn! Now the euphoria is slowly dissolving into the murky waters of peace negotiations where intricate and potentially deal-breaking issues — boundaries, law and order, release of Palestinian prisoners, and powers of the self-governing authority — will have to be thrashed out.

During this often-frustrating process the Rabin government has earned the right to expect patience and understanding from its supporters in Israel and the Diaspora: patience because reports of the talks will often ricochet from allegations of the other side's intransigence to exaggerated rumors of breakthroughs; understanding, because of the difficulty of negotiating when each side often sees the other through the prism of a stereotype.

Stereotypes become embedded in a national culture by identifying a present enemy with a far more frightening one drawn from a pool of excruciating historical memories. Thus, to the Israelis, Arafat becomes Hitler, and the PLO the Nazi SS. To the Arabs, Israel and the Jews represent the rapacious colonizers from Europe of the 19th and early 20th century. Responding to painful memories, rather than to the present antagonist, crystallizes the issue into an irrepressible national or religious struggle that can only be settled by war.

Nor is it sufficient — although it may be helpful — simply for us here to have joint meetings or coffee klatches together to clear up "misunderstandings." At its core the Israeli — Palestinian quarrel is not simply a misunderstanding: it is a conflict between the long-standing and valid claims of two different people to the same piece of land. Such conflicts can only be resolved by war ending in the unconditional surrender of one side to the other — or by territorial compromise. To its great credit, the Rabin government has been able to sweep aside stereotypes and focus on the territorial essence of the issue between the Palestinians and the Israelis.

Signing a peace agreement, by itself, will not instantly usher in the Promised Land of mutual trust: we have been enemies too long. First will come peace. Trust will take many years. In the meantime, the peace agreement and the security of the Jewish state will be enforced by the overwhelming strength of the Israel Defence Force. The Holocaust, and the refusal of the wartime Allied governments to make Jewish lives a priority, have taught us we can rely only on ourselves to protect our people. No Israeli government could ever sign an agreement that does not recognize this cardinal principle.

The patience of the "peaceniks" among us — I count myself as one of them — will be further tested: formidable forces violently opposed to peace will strain every device to disrupt the negotiations. Rabin will be impelled to strong rhetoric and firm action. This reaction has already been manifested in his response to Hamas terrorism and Hezbollah rocket attacks. We Zionists had dreamed that the Jewish state would be a state unlike any other, but, as Amos Oz, the Israeli novelist, has said, the only way to retain all the elements of a dream is never to fulfil it. And the Zionist dream of Jewish statehood has been fulfilled. It is far easier for us, sitting in our easy chairs in North America, to be righteous than it is for those who are burdened with responsibility for the security of a nation.

Great events that advance the welfare of mankind only happen through a confluence of historical opportunity and courageous leadership. The collapse of the Soviet Union, the Arabs' main supplier of up-to-date weaponry, and the status of the United States as the only remaining superpower, have provided the opportunity. Representing to the Israeli electorate the almost perfect synthesis of a pragmatic dove who would exchange land for peace, and a hard-nosed hawk who would "break bones" to protect the security of his people, Yitzhak Rabin is uniquely suited to lead Israel to a real peace.

It only remains for us who have always advocated the present peace initiative to support the Rabin government with our patience, our understanding, and, when the negotiations ultimately succeed, our applause.

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Kristallnacht marked beginning of Hitler's terror

By ADAM FUERSTENBERG & ISRAEL KOPYTO

Fifty-five years ago on Nov. 9, Hitler's Nazi regime unleashed a deliberately orchestrated nation-wide pogrom against its own Jewish citizens. Kristallnacht, the night of the broken glass, so named because of the heaps of broken glass from the tens of thousands of Jewish homes, businesses and synagogues which were attacked. Nothing like this had been seen in Germany since the darkest days of medieval Europe.

When Goebbels, the Nazi propaganda minister, issued the order to end the rampage at 5 p.m. on Nov. 10, hundreds of Jews had been brutally murdered or seriously wounded, and almost 30,000 had been arrested to be sent to the concentration camps of Dachau, Buchenwald, and Sachsenhausen, many never to return.

From Goebbels' order, it is clear that the Nazi hierarchy had planned this attack months, perhaps years earlier. Its real purpose was two-fold: to panic the Jewish community into more rapid emigration, and to seize their property for the impending war which the regime was planning. In spite of the Nuremberg racial laws and increasing political, professional, and social disabilities, fewer than 150,000 (about 20 percent) had emigrated between 1933 and 1938. Moreover, the ineffectual Evian Conference of 32 nations, which President Roosevelt had convened in July, 1938 to resolve the existing problem of what to do with Jewish refugees from Austria and Germany, had demonstrated the unwillingness of the international community to intercede. The Nazi leaders now knew that no country would actively help the Jews of Austria and Germany.

On Nov. 3, Hershel Grynszpan, a hapless and excitable 17-year-old Jewish-German teenager of Polish origin residing illegally in Paris with an uncle, received a heart-rending postcard from his older sister, Berta. Despondent and in despair, she drew a terrifying picture of the brutal expulsion on Oct. 29 from Hanover of 680 Polish-born Jews. They had been stripped of their property and citizenship and then rushed to the Polish border town of Zbonszyn, to be dumped like refuse on the local Polish authorities. The Nazis were deporting more than 15,000 Polish Jews who had settled in Germany, even their German-born children, to circumvent a recent Polish law forbidding re-entry to Polish Jews after Oct. 31, 1938.

Anxious for his family and frustrated at his helplessness, he wandered the streets of Paris for the next two days. Then, on Nov. 6, intent on raising awareness about the expulsion and the plight and indignities heaped on his family and the other expelled Jews, the angry teenager checked into a hotel. Early the next morning, a Monday, Grynszpan went to a gun shop, purchased a small, easily hidden pistol and ammunition and took the Metro to the station nearest the German Embassy.

Arriving at the embassy gate, he indicated to the guard in his flawless German that he had a very important document to deliver. The ambassador and senior counsellors were away, so he was ushered into the office of the third secretary, Ernst Vom Rath. Invited to sit down, he was asked by Vom Rath for the document. The nervous but enraged youth drew his pistol and, shouting "You are a filthy boche and here, in the name of my family and 15,000 persecuted Jews, is your document," pumped five shots into the 29-year-old third secretary. Vom Rath, although mortally wounded, was able to crawl to the door and call for help.

Two days later, after his instant promotion by Hitler to the rank of senior counsellor, the unfortunate Vom Rath died. His death would be a little footnote in a Holocaust history full of such violence, except that he became the instant excuse the Nazi leadership needed to launch the pogrom. Even as doctors struggled in a Paris hospital to save his life, he was turned by Goebbels' propaganda machine into an instant hero and a martyr. The German press was seething with accusations and threats against the Jews of Germany and the world. For them, the Grynszpan attack was clear evidence that Jewish conspiracy existed.

These blanket accusations against the Jews allowed Goering later to blatantly twist the truth about the terrible consequences of the attacks and to make the victims the alleged victimizers of Kristallnacht. The German Jews were responsible, he charged, for all the damage to Jewish businesses and homes resulting from the people's resentment toward the agitation of international Jewry against National Socialist Germany. Goebbels, asked about charges in the foreign press that the government had supported and even directed the violence of the night of broken glass, mockingly replied: "If there is any country that believes it has too few Jews, I shall gladly turn over to it all our Jews."

Kristallnacht's cost in property loss was devastating and clearly signalled the end of the Jewish community in Germany.

The Nazi regime almost proudly listed 1,815 businesses and 29 large warehouses destroyed and 7,500 stores and shops plundered and looted (the total were likely higher), while Austria, now under complete Nazi control, conducted its own pogrom, as brutal and proportionally damaging as Germany's.

Following Kristallnacht the Nazis closed most Jewish institutions, schools, hospitals, youth camps and fraternal organizations, forbade the publication of all Jewish newspapers and journals, and cut the community off from all communication with the outside world.

Most tragic for the thousand-year-old German Jewish community was the destruction of its houses of worship. One hundred and ninety-one synagogues were set on fire and a further 76 were totally destroyed, including some of the oldest and most historic, like the main synagogue in Mannheim.

In a bizarre and especially cruel punishment very much like the head taxes Jews had to pay in the Middle Ages, Goering imposed a fine of one billion marks (the equivalent of $400 million U.S.) on the entire Jewish community.

Kristallnacht was one of the final acts of the Jewish tragedy in Germany and Austria, and the virtual end of a proud and incredibly productive Jewish communal life. It led to a mad scramble by German Jews to leave for whatever country would accept them. Most failed to escape. Thus the horrors of Kristallnacht also marked the beginning of the organized violence against the Jews of Europe that would lead directly to Hitler's Final Solution — the crematoria in the death camps of Treblinka, Majdanek and Auschwitz.

And what of the unhappy youth who had inadvertently provided the pretext the Nazis needed? He was to have been tried by a French court for murder, but the impending war prevented it. Not quite 20 when the Gestapo eventually captured him in Nazi-occupied France, he was to have had a showcase propaganda trial in Germany, but vanished without trace, probably killed during interrogation.

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Features

Jewish renaissance has begun in Russia

Reporting from Moscow, Sheldon Kirshner surveys the state of Jews in Russia today. Kirshner spent about three weeks in Russia, focusing on the revival of Jewish life there.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Snapshots of a renaissance-in-the-making:

•It is Sukkot, and in the courtyard of Gamburger, Moscow's only kosher restaurant, a Russian army band belts out sentimental Jewish melodies as Rabbi Berel Lazar — the Lubavitch representative — circulates among well-wishers and chassidim dance merrily to the beat of the music.

•In a theatre in St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad), Jewish musicians from the town of Samara regale an audience with lively renditions of klezmer music.

•In Pushkin, 25 kilometres south of St. Petersburg and the site of a regal czarist estate, Jews gather around a stylized Holocaust memorial and pay homage to those who were murdered here by the Nazis.

•In St. Petersburg's State Archives, David Raskin, a historian, rummages through dusty documents relating to 18th and 19th century Russian Jewry.

•In a St. Petersburg gymnasium, Maccabi and a Russian army cadet team square off in a frenetic indoor soccer game. Maccabi wins by one goal.

• In a classroom in Bryansk — a drab town 340 kilometres south of Moscow which was off-limits to foreigners until the advent of glasnost in the mid-1980s — a teacher instructs her young pupils in the Hebrew language.

These variegated scenes, these tableaux of the swelling Jewish cultural and religious revival in Russia, would have been inconceivable just a few short years ago, when Russia was part and parcel of the former Soviet Union.

Under communism, Jewish life was tightly circumscribed. Jewish religious holidays were frowned upon; Jewish theatres were closed; ceremonies marking the Holocaust as a Jewish tragedy were forbidden; Jewish history was blacklisted; Jewish sports clubs did not exist; the teaching of Hebrew was illegal.

Although Jews were a recognized Soviet nationality, 16th in size among the 100 or so nationalities in the Soviet Union, they were suppressed by an atheistic state which, on the one hand, sought their total assimilation and, which on the other, singled them out as Jews.

The 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, with its shining promises of equality and fraternity, was generally welcomed by Jews, a segment of the population which had suffered greatly at the hands of the anti-Semitic czarist regime. But after the death of the Soviet Union's first leader, Vladimir Lenin, conditions for the Jewish community rapidly deteriorated as his successor, Josef Stalin, consolidated his grip on the country.

Jewish schools were shut down. Synagogues were converted into storehouses, clubs and offices. Hebrew was banned. The publication of Yiddish books was gradually phased out. Jews were eliminated from the upper echelons of the ruling Communist party. They were barred from certain jobs, particularly in the armed forces and the diplomatic service. All too often, Jews were deliberately rejected by certain university departments. In the 1940s, Yiddish writers were murdered, and in the prelude to the 1953 Doctors' plot, Jews were declared to be "rootless cosmopolitans." What Holocaust memorials were permitted were cynically stripped of their Jewish associations.

Anti-Semitism, though officially illegal, became state policy. Jews were forbidden to maintain official contacts with Jewish organizations abroad.

In a word, persecution — sometimes subtle, at other times blatant — was the lot of Jews in the Soviet Union, especially after World War II.

After the rise to power in 1985 of Mikhail Gorbachev, the Communist reformer who presided over the demise of the Soviet Union in 1991, the shackles were loosened.

With glasnost (openness) and perestroika (economic and political restructuring), the estimated 1.8 million Jews living within the Soviet Union's vast borders were grudgingly given new freedoms and privileges that had been taken away decades ago were restored.

The Soviets ended the ban on the teaching of Hebrew and allowed Jews to establish a cultural centre and a yeshiva in Moscow. Sunday and day schools were officially sanctioned. Freedom of religion and of emigration were enshrined in law. The Vaad, or the Confederation of Jewish Organizations and Communities — the umbrella group of Soviet Jewry — was formed in 1989 and permitted to join the World Jewish Congress.

But after more than 70 years of communism, the Jewish community was clearly in terrible shape.

"The whole idea of Jewish life here fell apart," said Rabbi Lazar, the youthful Lubavitch emissary in Moscow. "To rebuild will be an incredible task."

The chief rabbi of Moscow, Pinchas Goldschmidt, agrees that an enormous job of rebuilding awaits the community. "We have to start from scratch at almost every level. We need community structures, synagogues, schools, mikvahs, kosher food facilities, old-age homes, cemeteries."

But this is hardly the extent of it.

The chief rabbi of Russia, Adolf Avraham Shayevich, explains that nine out of ten Jews are "ignorant" of Jewish culture and rituals. "A lot of Jews were completely assimilated, and don't want to return to Judaism. Maybe their children will."

Dmitriy Elyashevitch, the 31-year-old rector of St. Petersburg's Jewish University, is even more pessimistic. Virtually every Jew over 30 years of age has been thoroughly Russified and "lost," he claims. In his view, the Jewish community must realistically stake its hopes on the under-30 generation which, he believes, is most receptive to the allure of the Jewish rebirth in Russia.

Sukkot at the Gamburger restaurant in Moscow. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Roman Spector, the Vaad's 43-year-old vice-president, appears genuinely surprised by the scope of the revival, such as it is. And he believes "it was a real achievement" that Russian Jews were able to organize a *functioning* Jewish community within a matter of only several years.

Since the formation of the Vaad, approximately 200 organized communities have arisen in this gigantic, continent-sized nation, from Moscow in the west, Yakustk in the east, Rostov-on-Don in the south and Murmansk in the north.

Moscow, with an estimated 200,000 Jews, has the largest community, followed by St. Petersburg, with about 120,000. According to Spector, the community supports 100 synagogues, some 100 Sunday and day schools and a panoply of newspapers, theatres and libraries. Rabbi Shayevich's figures are different: 40 Jewish schools, of which 12 are day schools (four in Moscow and four in St. Petersburg), and 30 synagogues.

End of communism ushers in an age of cultural rebirth

There are no hard-and-fast figures pertaining to Russia's total Jewish population. But by Spector's reckoning, Russia is home to 800,000 Jews listed as Jewish by nationality in their internal passports, and a total of 1.5 million Jews by the criteria of the Law of Return (which requires one Jewish grandparent).

Jakob Tsukerman, editor of *Ami*, St. Petersburg's sole Jewish newspaper, divides Jews into three categories — halachic Jews, so-called "passport" Jews (who are classified as Russians in their internal passports) and "Law of Return" Jews.

No one doubts that this is a highly assimilated community. Leonid Govzman, editor of the Moscow-based *Jewish News*, says the nationwide intermarriage rate is about 60 percent. "The process began in the 1930s and reached a peak in the 1970s. Many Jews Russified their names."

At Jewish schools with which Rabbi Goldschmidt is familiar, four out of 10 students are Russian by nationality but partially Jewish by ancestry. 'Possibly, this is also true of the wider population," he noted.

Since the fall of communism and the collapse of the Soviet Union, a number of Jews who are Russian by nationality have "come out of the closet" and declared themselves Jewish, said Spector. Alexander Frenkel, acting chairman of the Jewish Association of St. Petersburg, believes that this is a trend well worth watching.

True or not, it seems clear that, at present, only a small minority of Jews are actually participating in the Jewish revival sweeping across the length and breadth of Russia.

Mikhail Chlenov, president of the Vaad, claims that in Moscow and St. Petersburg no less than 15 percent of Jews are involved, with the figure growing to one-third in provincial towns and even higher in still smaller localities.

But Chlenov's statistics are widely disputed. Rabbi Goldschmidt believes the overall figure is less than 10 percent. In his opinion, the new, rapidly-growing Jewish business class is more likely than others to be active in communal affairs. "They're not as bogged down with sheer survival."

Simcha Fishbain, director of the New York-based Touro College's Moscow branch, claims that Jewish involvement in the revival hovers around the 2 percent or 3 percent mark. As such, he questions whether "revival" is the actually the right word, given his impression that at least 90 percent of Russian Jews keep aloof from Jewish life.

"What we're creating now is a base for the future," said Almin Rabinovich, executive director of the International Jewish Association for Jewish Studies and Culture, whose headquarters are in Moscow. "We're really at the starting point."

The speed with which the community can be resurrected ultimately depends on political and economic factors, said Rabbi Goldschmidt, a native of Zurich.

Russian Jews are deeply concerned by hyperinflation, which is currently running at about 700 percent. It has impoverished four out of 10 Russians since the introduction of free market reforms in January 1992, and Jews have not been immune from its ravages.

Jews in Russia are also preoccupied with the stability, such as it is, of President Boris Yeltsin's quasi-democratic regime. Yeltsin, with the aid of the army, crushed a revolt on Oct. 4 masterminded by hardline parliamentarians in cahoots with far-right, anti-Semitic allies. But who will prevail in new elections scheduled for Dec. 12? Yeltsin's foes have little chance of defeating him, but even the possibility sets hearts aflutter.

"We have no future with the anti-Yeltsin forces," declared Spector, who intimated that the triumph of right-wing nationalists at the polls would jeopardize the Jewish renaissance.

Jews here are relieved that Yeltsin, in one of his first decrees after quelling the rebellion, outlawed Pamyat, the anti-Semitic movement, and banned the publication of *Den* and other publications deemed antithical to free market reform, Yeltsin and Jews.

But Jewish spokespersons, notably Chlenov, fear that anti-Semitism has become embedded in the political struggle in Russia.

Furthermore, Chlenov and others believe that Yeltsin's government has not confronted anti-Semitism. "Our executive branch understands that anti-Semitism is not nice, but it doesn't have the guts to stand up and denounce it," said Tancred Golenpolsky, editor of the *Jewish Gazette*, the largest Jewish newspaper in Russia. "Nothing is done by the government to combat anti-Semitism."

So timid is the government with respect to the Jewish question that Yeltsin's press secretary declined to send official greetings on Rosh Hashanah to the Vaad for fear of offending other national minorities, Golenpolsky charged.

Rabinovich — a historian and philosopher — concedes that state anti-Semitism, as it was practised during communism, is dead and buried.

But visceral grassroots anti-Semitism, of the kind he experienced growing up, thrives in Russia.

"When I was a child, I wasn't proud of my name and my nationality," he admitted, saying this was a fairly common reaction among Soviet Jews in response to anti-Semitism. "I remember, at the age of four, running to my aunt and complaining, 'I don't want to be a kike.' "

This factor, combined with well-founded fears of further economic and political chaos, has spurred hundreds of thousands of Jews to emigrate. Since 1989, when free and practically unfettered emigration began in earnest, more than 500,000 Jews have left, the majority having gone to Israel, Germany and the United States. Upwards of 200 Jews are Refuseniks, not being able to emigrate because they are reported to be privy to sensitive military information.

Aliyah has stabilized since the heady days of 1990 and 1991, when 185,000 and 170,000 Jews departed. Last year, 64,500 persons from the former Soviet Union emigrated, and in 1993, the figure is likely to be similar, said David Bartov of the Israeli Embassy.

Most emigrants from Russia, who account for about one-third of all immigration from the old Soviet Union, come from "hot spots" in the northern Caucasus, Spector said. Govzman observed that the typical emigrant has relatives abroad and tends to be young. Middle-aged Jews are least likely to emigrate.

The failed Oct. 4 putsch will probably have an impact on aliyah within six months, Bartov said. "I expect an increase of 30,000 annually." About one million Jews — two-thirds from Russia, Ukraine and Belarus and one-quarter from Central Asia — hold invitations to make aliyah. Many are biding their time, waiting to see how the situation develops.

"Several generations will pass before the last Jew leaves Russia," Spector said. Golenpolsky concurs. "There'll always be a Diaspora." Says Rabbi Shayevich: "If Yeltsin can organize a real democracy, a lot of Jews will stay. But it also depends on what happens in Israel."

Joblessness among Russian Jews in Israel has had a chilling effect on aliyah. Indeed, several thousand olim have actually returned to Russia in recent years, according to sources.

Vladimir Shapiro, president of the Jewish Scientific Centre in Moscow, has polled Russian Jews on their attitudes to emigration. The results were published last August. He found that two-thirds plan to remain, personal and existential problems notwithstanding.

Whether Shapiro's survey reflects current reality is debatable. What seems clear, however, is that Russian Jews are not exactly clamoring to leave. "Even if emigration continues, it's going to take decades before the community is emptied," said Rabbi Lazar.

In the meantime, committed Jews in Russia who wish to rebuild a community face a plethora of obstacles.

"We lack a real middle class, the base of a normal Jewish community," explained Rabbi Goldschmidt. "And we don't have a sufficient number of qualified people to fill communal positions."

"It's difficult to create a strong, viable community because of aliyah," said Rabinovich. "In no other country is the Jewish Agency so active. We aren't against aliyah. We want to help Jews develop their national consciousness, so that they can become Jews. Then they'll decide whether they want to live here, or emigrate."

Some, like Rabinovich, worry that emigration is eviscerating the community As Rabbi Lazar put it: "We get people interested in Judaism, then they leave."

"The best — and most active — people emigrate," Frenkel added.

What's more, he observed, the calibre of the home-grown lay and religious leadership is of a questionable quality, lacking in Jewish knowledge and charisma. "Chlenov and Spector are very rare," he pointed out. "They are competent."

The Vaad, Golenpolsky stated, is a "Soviet-style bureaucracy" which represents but a "minuscule" portion of Jews in Russia. Furthermore, he said, the Vaad has yet to demonstrate that, by Western standards, it's an efficient organization.

Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI
BARUCH FRYDMAN-KOHL

Prayer is the deepest expression of the yearning of a person and a people for their rootedness in God. In this week's Torah portion, when Rivkah was troubled by her pregnancy, she sought solace in prayer.

Yet prayer is more than a plea for consolation. In prayer we do more than articulate our continuity with the majestic souls who preceded us in history. We seek more than a connection with the contemporary Jewish community of our synagogue or our trans-national people. We use prayer for more than a "safe place" to evaluate ourselves against a firm yet compassionate standard for our behavior. Out of the praise and petition of a liturgy couched in ancient images and language, we seek communion with the Transcendent One who is the root of all being.

However, many contemporary Jews are burdened with an intellectual skepticism which prevents them from releasing the spritual impulses that lie deep within us. The left side of our brain — which censors and controls conscious expression — raises many doubts about the reality of anything beyond that which can be quantified, measured and described.

Historical and social inquiry suggests to some that truth is relative to time and place. Yet psychology teaches us that the emotional, the unconscious and the creative can be equally truthful. Contemporary physics helps us to understand that powerful aspects of reality cannot be seen or completely understood. Studies in literature, history, and anthropology enable us to realize that meaningfulness depends on how we see, and interpret, the world around us.

Often our own experiences lead us to the conclusion our ancestor Jacob will enunciate in next week's reading, "Surely God is in this place and I did not know." In his sensitive and evocative *They Made Their Souls Anew,* Andre Neher describes the spiritual homecoming of some 20th-century intellectuals. In search of a secure source for their values, seeking a transcendent vision which extended beyond material acquisition, desiring a connectedness which imparted meaning to their lives, they returned to Torah. There are others — many in North America — who have begun a similar return.

But the yearning is not enough. Spiritual expression demands a language to give form to the desire and a community to sustain the quest. For that reason, Pirke Avot (Ethics of the Rabbis) urges: "Find a teacher and get a friend." That is, seek an individual who knows the language and vocabulary of Torah and find others who are also on the same path. In an effort to assist people in their Jewish odyssey, synagogues should consider programs to help individuals discover the vocabulary of personal prayer. Mentoring programs, where an individual more experienced in the nuances of Jewish prayer provides guidance and encouragement to a person just beginning, are an extremely valuable way to help people on the path to spiritual growth.

In recent years, some excellent spiritual primers have been written. I recommend the following books for your personal study: *To Pray as a Jew*, by Hayyim Donin; *Sacred Fragments*, by Neil Gillman; *Service of the Heart*, by Evelyn Garfiel; *Finding Our Way*, by Barry Holtz; *On Being a Jew*, by James Kigel; *God Was In This Place and I Did Not Know*, by Lawrence Kushner; and *The Healer of Shattered Hearts*, by David Wolpe.

All of these treat prayer and belief as serious aspects of contemporary life. You should consider no less.

To return to prayer, we must "clear a path in the wilderness." We have to spiritually transcend (but not intellectually ignore) the doubts that assail us. We must also develop the spiritual vocabulary, the skills and techniques to feel part of the traditional liturgy. I hope you make the journey home.

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Jerusalem's new mayor vows to maintain religious status quo

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Despite his late-minute deal with Orthodox voters, the mayor-elect has vowed to maintain the status quo of religion in Jerusalem.

Ehud Olmert, whose victory last week ended the 28-year career of Teddy Kollek, said bars, restaurants and cinemas that are currently open on Friday nights would remain open.

New entertainment spots would be permitted to open if they did not "disrupt the life of the neighborhood," he said.

In a city where tensions between religious groups simmer, the opening of commercial establishments on the Sabbath has been a sensitive issue, and there have been violent confrontations between observant and secular Jews on occasion.

At a news conference following his upset victory, Olmert hastened to make clear that despite the deal he orchestrated with the city's fervently Orthodox Jews, which won him that

Ehud Olmert

community's votes, he would not give in to Orthodox demands in a way that would change city life "one iota."

He denied that there had been a "sellout," and stressed that he would have won without the fervently Orthodox votes, only with a slimmer margin.

Meir Porush, a candidate of the United Torah Judaism Front, withdrew from the race after a discussion with Olmert. The religious bloc then swung its support to Olmert.

Olmert, a Likud Knesset member, unseated Kollek by a margin of 59 percent to 35 percent.

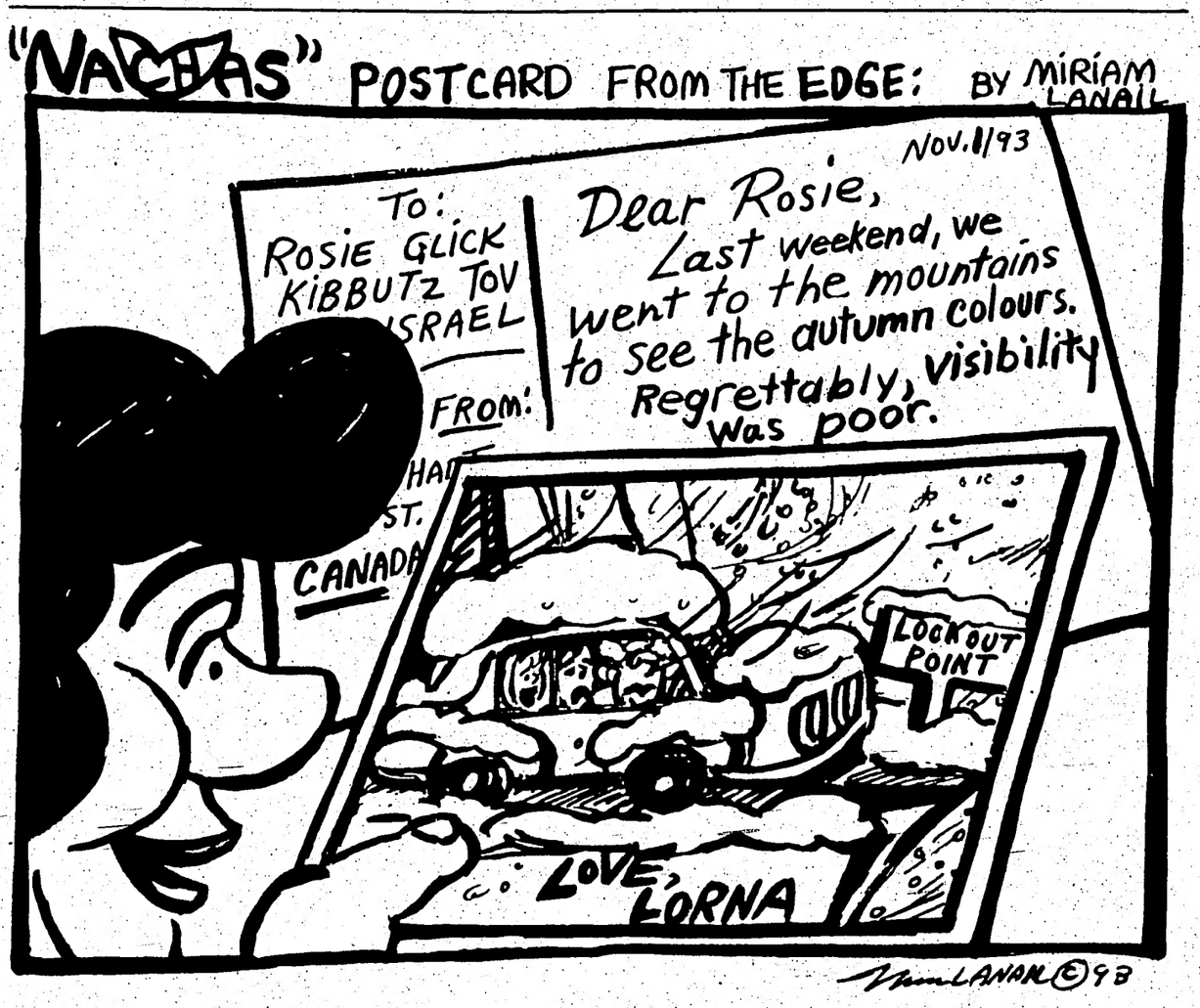
Olmert said the Orthodox would become "major partners" in the city's coalition, describing the start of a "foundation for cooperation" for the next five years.

The needs of the religious "must be recognized within reasonable limits," he said.

"There will be no favors, and at the same time, no discrimination," the mayor-elect said.

Olmert also said he regretted that Kollek, who "played a historic role" in Jerusalem, had been forced out.

"He deserved a more graceful retirement," Olmert said.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Naomi Warshafsky

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Organizations and People

Residents of Binyamin region denounce Israel-PLO accord

By DEE KRAMER

TORONTO — Not everyone in Israel is celebrating the now-famous handshake between Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat.

According to four of the 17,000 residents of the Binyamin region north of Jerusalem, the settlers are hopping mad.

The 234,000 acres of the Binyamin region border the Jordan Valley, and fall under post-1967 Israeli territory. There are 32 Jewish communities.

"We have been [t]here for 4,000 years," cried Yisrael Medad, one of the residents. He was speaking at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, and said the settlers have a "natural right" to be there.

Rabbi Yehuday Pinsky, the deputy mayor of the Binyamin Regional Council, said the settlers are determined that no handshake is going to get them to move out. "We will remain because we are the future of Israel," he said.

Pediatrician and Elazar resident Michael Wilschanski is now doing specialization work in Toronto. "We've been witnessing the debacle that has happened since the negotiations [have started] with the PLO. I don't know what is going to happen to my home," he said. "I don't know how I can let my wife drive at night when there are terrorists dressed up as police patrolling the streets.

"Rabin has rolled the great dice and he is playing with the lives of 150,000 people [in the territories]. We didn't have the right to vote [on the peace accord]. The price is too high."

Miki Mendelson, 31, is a mother of three who lives in Dolev, a small town about 10 kilometres from Ben Gurion Airport. On March 26, 1991, her husband was gunned down by PLO terrorists as he was driving home from work to help her with Passover preparations. No one has ever been charged with his murder.

"I find myself crying out of one eye, and laughing out of the other," she said in her soft Israeli accent. "People who have endured great tragedy in their lives want peace and a better future. But I am sorry to say I cannot take part in this peace parade. I have a lot of fears and nightmares around this agreement. The 150,000 people [in the territories] are forgotten people. The PLO want us to leave our homes as a price of peace ... but why should I leave my home?"

Rabbi Pinsky used to be an Orthodox rabbi in Pennsylvania. "This peace accord is not the result of legitimate, thoughtful conceptualization," he said. "[Former Israeli president] Chaim Herzog has described this peace process as a speeding railroad train that is in danger of derailing. We have to consider the implications of the peace accord."

According to Rabbi Pinsky, those implications include undefined borders in Jericho and the fact that Arafat has never abandoned the idea of Palestinian statehood, or that the State of Israel will become the Palestinian State. "Arafat has always been honest and straight," said Rabbi Pinsky. "Just like Hitler."

Further, the rabbi said, the agreement is a purification and sanctification of terror. "We have [validated the ideal] that terror is the way to peace. Thirty thousand Palestinian police, with weapons, are an army. It is larger than any of the major units of the Israeli armed forces."

Most importantly, according to Rabbi Pinsky, the accord has a timetable only for the Israelis, and no timetable for the Arabs. So the Israelis are releasing Palestinian prisoners according to set deadlines, and yet the Palestinian covenant has still not been changed. The clause about driving the Israelis into the sea still stands.

"Yes," said Rabbi Pinsky, "it is time for peace. It is the time for us to propose serious peace proposals. But nevertheless, I say that the implementation of peace should not destroy the future of our children."

Rabbi Pinsky, as representative of the people of the Binyamin area, has authored an alternative plan which has been presented to the Israeli government. Pinsky said it includes the reality of the peace proposal but proposes more realistic solutions.

The Binyamin plan says Arabs and Jews should have control over their own areas. New roads should be built to connect the Jewish areas and these should remain under Jewish control.

It also proposes a Palestinian "entity," but says Palestinian self-rule, self-control and self-jurisdiction does not mean there is a necessity for a Palestinian state. Making the point that is obviously very dear to his heart, Pinsky reiterated: "Arabs should not have sovereignty over the State of Israel."

Steeles Memorial to support chapel at Sunnybrook Hospital

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — A Jewish chapel is to be established at Sunnybrook Medical Centre, donated by Steeles Memorial Chapel, in memory of Harvey Lister, a former president of Steeles, who was active on behalf of Jewish veterans.

The chapel will be open to all Jewish patients of the hospital, Rabbi Barry Schneider of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue told the annual donor meeting of Steeles Memorial Chapel recently at Adath Sholom Synagogue.

The hospital's veterans' wing includes 30 Jewish men and women, some of whom served in World War I, Rabbi Schneider said.

"We hope that other hospitals will also realize that as Jews we cannot pray in their non-denominational chapels," he said. The Sunnybrook chapel will include an Aron Kodesh and a library.

Mike Rogow, president, also announced a donation of $36,000 to endow a room on the fifth floor of Baycrest Centre in memory of Gordon Donsky, president of Steeles, until his death this year.

Steeles will donate at least $125,000 to charities this year, Rogow announced.

At the dinner, gifts were accepted on behalf of the Board of Jewish Education, Associated Hebrew Schools, Beit Halochem, Committee for Yiddish, Cancer Regional Fund, Na'amat, Lou Gehrig Disease committee, Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Syian refugees, Russian Jewish Community Centre and Branson Hospital.

Teens attend leadership conference

TORONTO — Forty Jewish teens from across Canada recently came together at a national youth leadership conference co-sponsored by B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) Canada and the Canadian Council of Jewish Community Centres (CCJCC).

Participants joined in sessions on Israel-Diaspora relations, the role of Federation and UJA in Canadian communities, and anti-Semitism and desecrations.

The teens came from Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Windsor, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa and Montreal. Also present were CCJCC executive director Paul Brownstein and chair Anita Winestock. Conference chair Ralph Kassie said he was thrilled with "the leaders of today meeting the leaders of tomorrow."

Participants felt they learned a lot from the conference. "The ties that we now have with other Canadian Jewish youth across the country have created for me a new mishpachah," said 18-year-old Joel Marans of Kingston.

"I know I walked out of this conference with a better understanding of my abilities and of myself" said Jeff Glaziel, 18, of Toronto.

Havdallah service (from left) Aaron Katchen, Daniel Feldman, Jordan Singer and Neri Moss.

BBYO is now affiliated with Jewish Community Centres and Federations across Canada. "Through this new exciting partnership, they have recognized the value that the BBYO program has for their community," said BBYO Canada national director Elizabeth Sokolsky. "Through their support, they have invested in their future leadership and in the vital need for ensuring Jewish continuity."

Family Matters

by

John Syrtash
Family Law Counsel

Two recent Supreme Court of Canada decisions may significantly affect the rights of separated parents in disputes over the religious upbringing of their children. The B.C. case of **Young** and the Quebec case, **Re: P.**, both deal with Jehovah's Witness fathers whose ex-wives shared neither their faith nor their desire to raise their children in that faith. The court had to decide whether to restrict the "access parent" (usually, dad) from religious instruction of his children when it conflicted with the custodial parent's (usually mom's?) wishes. Or alternatively, should the court honour the father's rights to "freedom of religion" under Canada's Charter of Rights over the mother's objections, unless there is some proven risk of harm to the child?

The Court decisions have only clouded the issues further. In **Young**, the Court agreed that the father should be allowed to continue his religious instruction, partly on Charter of Rights grounds, and perhaps more importantly, because the father undertook to respect his children's wishes. The children were also older and could, presumably, defend themselves from the father's religious views if they wished to do so. In the Quebec decision, however, the court ruled, in part, that a "child's best interests" in the broad sense were an overriding consideration. An access parent could be prevented from giving his child religious training even if such training did not pose a real risk of harm, but was not good for the child.

In adopting her dissenting reasons from the Young decision and incorporating them into her majority decision in the Quebec case, The Honourable Claire L'Heureux-Dubé quotes a paragraph from my book, *Religion and Culture in Canadian Family Law*, Butterworths (Canada), page 90: " ... it is precisely in those cases in which differing religious practices put the child into "conflict" that ... medical opinion casts doubt upon the "Charter" decisions. If correct, the view of these mental health professionals suggests that where religion is a major source of continuing conflict for the child and where neither party shows flexibility, then the presumption should favour the "one home" or "rigid access" theory, in favour of exclusive custodial control over religious practice."

Two provinces, two different decisions, same Judges. Next week I'll examine the implications of this discrepancy. They aren't pretty.

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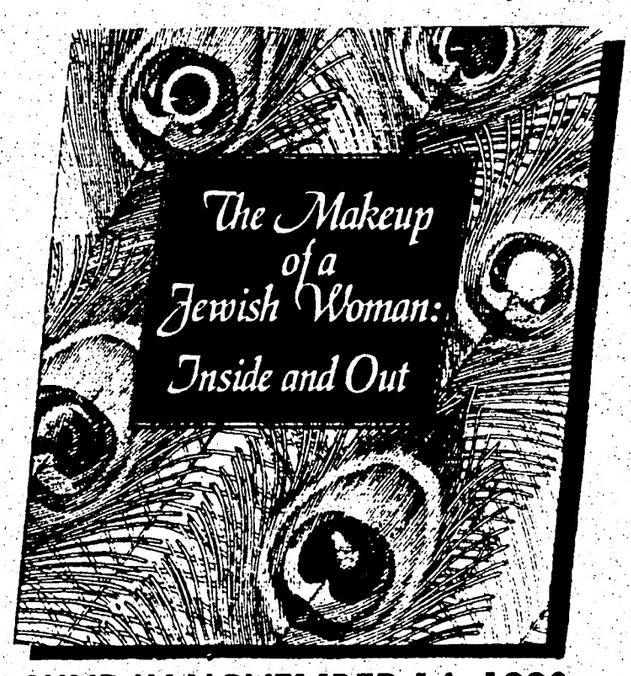

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Show Boat protests called 'waste of time'

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —It is a "waste of time" for some members of the black community to try to stop the production of *Show Boat*-when other problems such as illiteracy, violence and AIDS among blacks are crying out for action.

This is the view of a prominent educator, Henry Louis Gates, Jr., chair of Afro-American Studies, Harvard University, a recent speaker in the B'nai Brith Drabinsky lecture series.

"I want blacks to discuss with other blacks why there is anti-Semitism among them and I want Jews to stand up in their community and criticize other Jews for being racist," Gates said in his address in the recital hall at the new North York Performing Arts Centre. About 750 people, including many blacks, attended.

The American educator, who is a consultant to Garth Drabinsky on the *Show Boat* production, said he has not yet seen the current production, but termed protests against it as "misguided."

Gates warned that controversies such as the one over *Show Boat* could breed intolerance. "Book banning has increased by 35 percent in the United States, and the books banned include *Diary of Anne Frank* and *Huckleberry Finn*. The protesters are not always fundamentalists. Censorship is to art as lynching is to justice and we have to fight as hard against one as the other."

In a panel discussion which followed, one speaker said the protests were coming from only the new immigrant blacks in the Toronto community. "The protests are nothing but a vehicle for the marginalized and disenfranchised...to vent their anger at their plight and I disagree with them," said Haroon Siddiqui, editorial page editor of *The Toronto Star*.

Another panelist, Stephen Scheinberg, professor of history, Concordia University, Montreal, said: "There is no fracture in the alliance in Canada between blacks and Jews but there are certain cracks in the foundation."

While *Show Boat* reveals a problem in Toronto, "it has caused barely ripples in Montreal, Ottawa, Calgary and Winnipeg," he said.

Describing relations between blacks and Jews in Canada as in "relatively good shape," Scheinberg recalled that blacks had joined Jews in battling pro-Nazis in Christie Pits in the '30s, and that the Jewish Labor committee fought discrimination against blacks in Dresden in southwestern Ontario in 1953. Jews supported the Martin Luther King Fund in 1964 and Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut and the late Wilson Head founded the Urban Alliance on Race Relations.

A third panelist, author Austin Clarke, said there is "basically a good relationship" between blacks and Jews in Toronto. At times, though, he said, relations are "tenuous, fractious and suspicious."

Clarke said he does not believe the media when it says hard financial times are the cause of anti-Semitism and racism.

As to the controversy over *Show Boat*, Clarke declared: "I'm not saying on which side I throw my hat."

He added: "The outcry in Toronto is an expression of frustration rather than an atttack."

Dr. Michael Neiditch, director of programs, B'nai Brith, chaired the lecture.

Crackdown urged on race related crimes

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Racially motivated crime is of concern to a broad variety of minority communities in Toronto and should be addressed by the provincial justice system through better victim assistance programs and beefed up sentences for perpetrators, a commission studying the issue was told recently.

A study conducted by the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada found that "racially motivated crime is seen as part of a larger problem of racism in Toronto, including systemic racism within the Ontario criminal justice system.

"Not only do minorities perceive differential treatment when they are accused or convicted, but also when they are victims of crimes in general, and racially motivated crimes in particular," the study concluded.

The results of the study were presented to the Commission on Systemic Racism in the Ontario Criminal Justice System, which is conducting a 17-city schedule of public forums to sound out the views of Ontarians on the issue. The commission's schedule includes stops in Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Windsor, Chatham, Kingston, Ottawa and the Toronto area. It is expected to publish its findings and recommendations by March 31, 1994.

In its presentation to the commmission, League spokesmen Mark Sandler and Karen Mock called for victim assistance programs that better serve racial and ethno-cultural minority communities. The programs should include multilingual outreach to affected communities, they said.

The League's written report urged that courts assign a greater significance to racial factors in motivating crimes: "The Criminal Code should be amended to include sentencing enhancement provisions for racially motivated crimes and to specifically criminalize racist offences, such as desecration of religious institutions, rather than characterizing such offences as 'mischiefs'."

Other recommendations contained in the League's report call for "continued and expanded efforts at increased and significant representation of minority groups in official positions of responsibility within the criminal justice sytem," including jury selection, and more "anti-racist and multicultural training and sensitization to all levels of the criminal justice system."

Police should create community relations units to enhance ties with minority communities and an information package should be distributed to all new immigrants to Canada to inform them about the justice system and the nature of services available for them, the reports suggests.

"We found a strong consensus that immediate meaningful change must occur and be seen to occur if minorities are to have faith in the Ontario criminal justice system and in the policies and processes of the Ontario government," said Mock, national director of the League.

The study conducted by the League was based on interviews and discussions with members of six racial and religious groups, including the South Asian, Asian, Muslim, Jewish, black and aboriginal communities.

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Meanwhile, the City of North York is promoting two anti-racist books to help people confronted by racist incidents. *68 Snappy Comebacks to Racist Jokes* is geared at people who find racist jokes unacceptable but don't know how to react when they hear one, while the second book, *So?*, is the story of two children meeting for the first time in a school yard who realize they are different but who later learn the differences do not matter.

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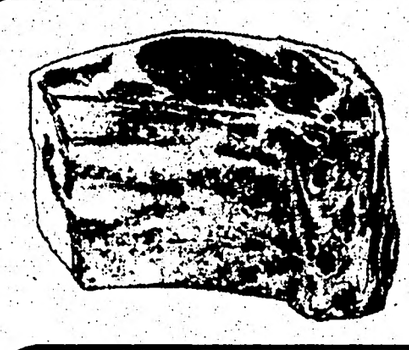

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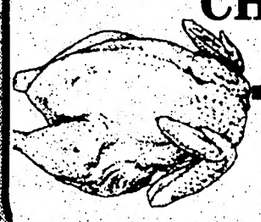

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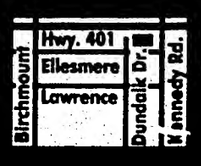

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CFHU starts campus division

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Six years ago, the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (CFHU), Winnipeg chapter was the first Israel-based organization in Winnipeg to establish a young adult division to reach out to youth.

Since then, the Professional and Business Division has become a dynamic group and several other Israel-based organizations have created their own young adult divisions.

Now, the CFHU Winnipeg chapter has again taken the lead and sunk its roots into a still younger component of Winnipeg Jewry. Its Student Division was formed at an inaugural meeting last month.

The Student Division aims to provide university-aged students with relevant educational and social programs and promote the Hebrew University's overseas student programs.

"Our first 25 members are all students who have attended the Hebrew University," said co-chair Nicole Shuckett (the other co-chair is Benjie Shinewald), who attended Israel's oldest and largest university as an overseas student in 1990-91 and returned last summer to work as a lab assistant at Hadassah Medical School.

"All university-aged students are welcome to join, however. We want to let all Winnipeg university students know about the Hebrew University's wide range of study options and encourage more Winnipeggers to attend. For all of us, our experiences in Jerusalem were some of the best in our lives."

The division is planning to sponsor speakers who can introduce students to Israeli issues, as well as other subjects. For the moment though, their focus is on preparing for the visit of CFHU student affairs coordinator Michael Litvack who will be in Winnipeg Nov. 29 and 30 to provide details on studying in Israel.

VOLUNTEER AWARD

MP Joe Volpe presents Volunteer Award to Eric Exton while Baycrest president Stephen Herbert (left) and Baycrest Foundation consultant Sam Ruth (right) look on.

'Chesed' said key to education

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — Educators must approach their students with chesed (kindness) appreciating each young man or woman as if they are a precious gem. They must recognize the potential of each and every one of them, asserts Rabbi Avishai David, rosh yeshiva of Or Chaim Yeshiva and Ulpanat Orot Girls' School.

Rabbi David was speaking at the annual dinner of Kollel Esh Dat of Tel Aviv, an institution of higher learning for married young rabbinical students. The dinner was held at Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz Synagogue in Downsview.

This approach, Rabbi David said, follows the story of Abraham as told in the Chumash.

The first two parts of Abraham's life, the rabbi said, his days in Ur when he angrily broke his father's idols, and those in Haran, when he spent his time in prayer, are glossed over. Emphasis is spent on his time in Canaan where, with Sarah, his wife, he led those with whom he came into contact to a recognition of G-d through their "arsenal of kindness," compassion and sensitivity.

Rabbi David spoke of the zchus (the merit) of being in the field of Jewish education, acting as a role model, interacting with the students, recognizing their beauty and talent, watching them grow to their full potential.

"In this era of assimilation, acculturation, when people are deserting their heritage in staggering amounts, we must use chesed to introduce them to the world of intellectual splendor in the study of Talmud," Rabbi David said.

This must be done, he said, by tailoring education to the individual needs of young men and women.

Rabbi David decried the fact that because of the rampant materialism and secularism of today's world, many Jews don't have a smattering of knowledge about their heritage.

Judaism, he said, is not just a political and secular entity, he said. "We are not just bound by a common past but are committed to a common future."

Parents are part of the educational process, he said. Children, Rabbi David said, are gifts from G-d, and parents must show they deserve that gift through education, instilling values and holiness, and moulding character.

In this way, he said, they are upholding the process of creation.

In introducing Rabbi David, who is leaving his position at the end of the year, Rabbi Moshe Burak praised him as "an outstanding scholar," noted for "magnanimity, aidelkeit (integrity), refinement, decency, and menschlichkeit. He used his knowledge, wisdom, compassion, and refinement in moulding a generation of young students."

Three hundred people attended the dinner, which was to raise funds for Kollel Esh Dat, a kollel dedicated to perpetuate the memory and the works of Rabbi Moshe Yechiel Epstein, the fifth Ozrover rebbe. Current head of Kollel Esh Dat is Rabbi Epstein's grandson Rabbi Tanchum Becker.

Recently, Rabbi Israel Lau, Chief Rabbi of Israel, presided at the ordination, giving of smicha, of 18 young men from the kollel. This is a new step for the institution, Rabbi Burak told *The CJN*, explaining that the men received the higher form of smicha that enables them to perform the most complex rabbinical functions.

Honorees for the evening were businessmen and kollel supporters Joseph Isakow and Jeff Rubenstein. They were presented with ornamental bechers (kiddush cups) in honor of the event.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Rabbi Burak. Hamotzi was recited by Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz president Robert Rosen, and benching was led by synagogue cantor Rabbi Moshe Ginz.

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Shelef prepares to work with new government

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — The recent federal election has added new priorities to the agenda of Itzhak Shelef, Israel's ambassador to Canada since 1990.

In the wake of new Prime Minister Jean Chretien's Canada-wide Liberal landslide, Shelef said the embassy would "have to start working with a new parliament which will have about 200 new members." At a reception held at the Inn on the Park for Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University, Shelef spoke of getting to know new Members of Parliament personally and making them aware of Israel's concerns.

Making Canada aware of Israel's concerns is a multifaceted job, Shelef pointed out. The Israeli embassy is in contact with universities, media, and small Jewish communities across Canada, he said.

Shelef doesn't shy away from criticism of Israel. What does bother him, he said, is information presented out of context, but he noted gratefully that the problem is not as bad as it once was.

Canada and Israel have a four-decade history of friendly relations, Shelef said. The two countries have a number of common concerns, including constitutional problems, two main languages and absorption of new immigrants, he noted.

'Dream come true'

Ever since the signing of the Israel-PLO peace accord, which Shelef referred to as "a dream come true," he has been called on to explain Israel's turnaround in recognizing the PLO. "The answer is very simple," he explained. "We said for many years that once the PLO recognizes us, it will not be the same PLO."

Itzhak Shelef

He defended the fast pace at which negotiations have proceeded as being necessary "in order to prove that it was worthwhile and that [Hamas was] wrong."

By mid-December, he noted, Israel will begin evacuating Gaza and Jericho. Negotiations are currently under way to determine how much land constitutes Jericho. "Here we have a problem," Shelef said. He is confident that a compromise will be worked out.

He is optimistic about the prospects for trade with other Middle Eastern countries and noted that Israel and Jordan have a common interest in water conservation. Neither country has the luxury of ignoring the problem, he noted.

Prospects for peace

He noted that intifadah-related incidents of violence have subsided since the accord was signed. It's "not yet" peace, Shelef said, "but at least we have embarked on the main road leading to peace.

"All of us have butterflies. Some have more, some have less, but all of us do," he said. Despite the problems, "we're sure we are ready to give [peace] a chance. We're ready to put an end to the vicious circle."

Shelef noted that $600 billion is spent on weapons each year by countries in the Middle East. "Just think about what can be done [with the money] if that is cut," he said.

Shelef is heartened by offers of financial assistance to Gaza from foreign governments, including Canada's. "The better the condition of [Palestinian] refugees, the better the prospects for the peace process."

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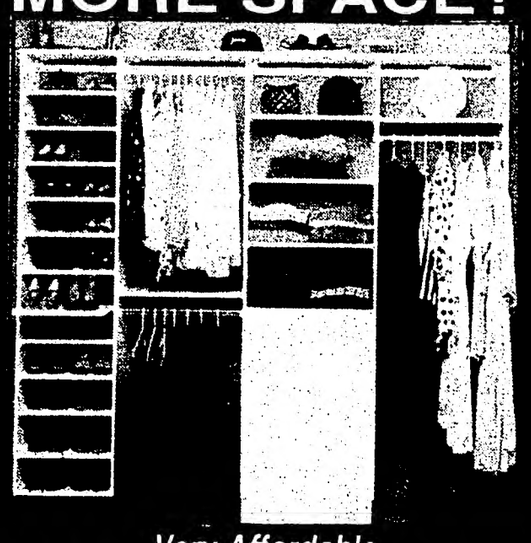
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Christian rescuers' motives for aiding Jews examined

Holocaust Education Week

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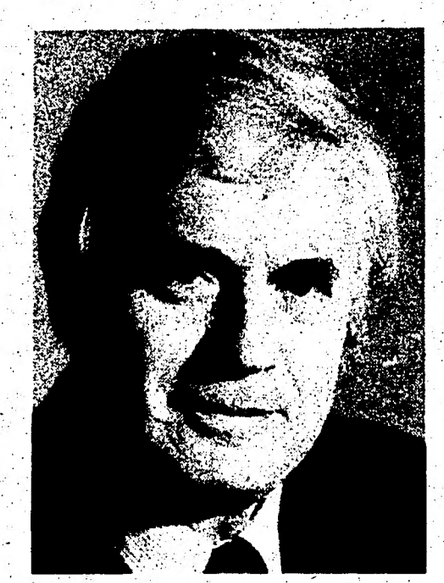
By RON CSILLAG



Samuel Oliner

TORONTO — Metro's 13th annual Holocaust Education Week opened last week with a talk on what motivated Christian rescuers of Jews during World War II.

Samuel Oliner, co-author of *The Altruistic Personality: Rescuers of Jews in Nazi Occupied Europe*, a study of why gentiles saved Jews from the Nazis, told an audience at Beth Tzedec Congregation that the "vast majority" of Europe's war-time Christians were bystanders.

A sociologist at Humbolt State University in California and himself a hidden child during the war, Oliner said he interviewed people from three groups for his study.

They were what he called "bona fide" rescuers (those deemed Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem in Israel), bystanders who did nothing and survivors who were rescued.

His research showed that 52 percent of rescuers cited a religious or moral reason for their acts; 38 percent were motivated by sympathy, compassion or pity for Jews while the rest were "autonomously motivated" — they felt they just had to act.

Acts of heroic altruism during the war "were not the exclusive province of larger-than-life figures. Rather, most were ordinary people" whose sense of duty toward their fellow person was likely more highly developed than those who did nothing, Oliner said.

Despite gloomy news from around the world, Oliner said he is heartened by the fact that 65 million Americans perform some sort of volunteering.

And those who volunteer are healthier than those who don't.

"Helping others is good for us," he said, noting that studies have shown volunteers live longer.

Oliner is project director of the Altruistic Personality and Prosocial Behavior Institute, which studies why people perform heroic and life-threatening deeds.

Immigration set to review Gogniev deportation order

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —A glimmer of hope has appeared for Felix Gogniev and his family, Russian Jews who face deportation Nov. 15 to North Ossetia, an area of the former Soviet Union on the border of Georgia where a civil war is raging.

The immigration department has decided to review an earlier deportation decision, according to Etta Kanevsky, a Jewish Immigrant Aid Society case worker.

An immigration and refugee board decreed that even if Gogniev and his family are Jews, there was no certainty they would be persecuted by a local tribe whom the Gognievs say is anti-Semitic. The Gognievs claim they have been tortured by the Ingushi tribe.

Facing deportation are Gogniev, 56, his ex-wife, Dina, and their two daughters, Tima, 27, and Zalina, 25. They have been in Canada for nearly three years and all have done volunteer work in the Jewish community.

Gogniev told *The CJN* that since the article was published detailing his family's plight, he has had several "threatening" calls from people he said had "accents similar to the people who tortured me in North Ossetia." One of the callers said he intended to kill the family.

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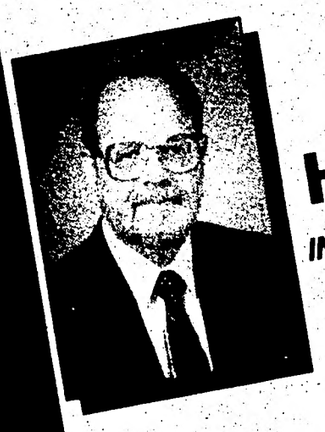

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Holocaust education essential for our children

By JUDY SAUL

TORONTO — The black-and-white photo is striking in its simplicity. A man's wrinkled hand reaches up to grasp the chubby fingers of a very young child.

Your eyes are drawn to the distinct line of black numbers tatooed on the inside of the man's arm. The text underneath the photo reads "And you shall teach your children."

I'm referring to the pamphlet for Holocaust Education Week, an annual event in its 13th year. The commemorative week, which began Nov. 4, boasts an impressive list of guest speakers and diverse topics dealing with various aspects of the Holocaust. It deliberately coincides with the anniversary of Kristalnacht on Nov. 9.

But isn't the main purpose of Holocaust Education Week to remind the present and future generations of the Jewish nightmare that lasted from 1939 to 1945? If so, then why are all of the programs offered for adults and teenagers? What about children under 13, who are conspicuously absent?

I believe there is a dilemma facing Jewish adults. Can we teach the Holocaust to youngsters without frightening them away? Or is it just too painful a task to tell horrific stories to the most innocent among us? Most of the material is difficult to convey to children due to its horrendous nature. However, children value honesty above all else. They appreciate straight talk rather than roundabout answers. When dealing with sensitive topics, it is also important to give age-appropriate answers.

Many adults will say children below a certain age are not emotionally ready to comprehend this unconscionable tragedy. I believe that until adults can face these horrors themselves, they cannot discuss the Holocaust in a forthright manner with their children.

No one among us can presume to know when children are ready to grasp certain information. When I was under 13, there were no murders, rapes or sexually explicit details reported on the radio at meal times. AIDS didn't exist.

Adults have the awesome responsibility to answer childrens' questions about everything. If you can't, or won't, then direct them to a reliable source.

For children attending Jewish day schools, the Holocaust becomes a major focus every April when Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, falls. Assemblies are held, yahrzeit candles are lit and discussion is encouraged. Most day schools wait until Grades 4, 5 and 6 to teach the Holocaust through literature and guest speakers. The main themes which emerge are those of survival and courage.

The stories that left an impression on my own children were the personal ones, either told by the teachers or by survivors. One year my son's teacher spoke of her aunt who suffered at the hands of Dr. Mengele. His face mirrored his emotions as he retold the story that night at dinner. Had he simply read a book, the impact would not have been as powerful.

In recent years, more books about the Holocaust have been written for children under 10 than ever before. Some of these are *Daniel's Story* by Carol Matas, *The Big Lie* by Isabella Leitner and *Lifetimes: Anne Frank*, by Richard Tames.

My sons' favorite Holocaust books are not written for children. *Maus: A Survivor's Tale* (1986) and *Maus II: And Here My Troubles Began* (1991) were written in comic-book form by American illustrator Art Spiegelman. They tell the story of Spiegelman's father, Vladek. *Maus* follows Vladek through wartime Poland as he manages to evade the Nazis. As *Maus II* begins, Vladek's freedom ends as he is sent to Auschwitz. The sequel won a Pulitzer Prize.

In Israel, teaching the Holocaust is enhanced by visiting the Yad Vashem Memorial. When I was there this past summer, I noticed how various families spent their time together. If the parents hurried through, the children followed suit. If the parents took their time to stop and read the historical and personal accounts, or to study the heart-breaking photographs, then their children did the same.

No one ever said teaching the Holocaust to children would be easy. But most educators, historians and parents agree it is an absolute necessity, not a choice. The Holocaust is not only an integral part of our complex past, but also vital to our future. The sooner we validate its many messages in our everyday lives, the more secure our Jewish future will be.

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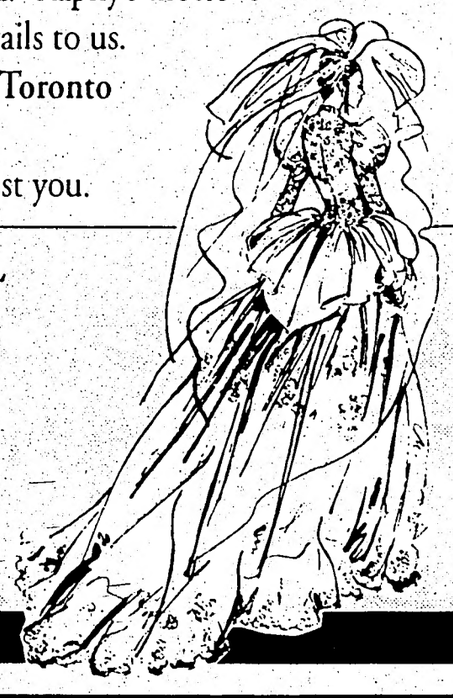

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Israel must leave territories to gain peace, says judge

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Israel cannot have peace without giving up the territories, according to a military court judge in Judea and Samaria.

"I know how important the territories are to Israel, but peace is more important," said Jonathan Livny.

Speaking at a recent gathering sponsored by United Jewish Appeal and hosted by George and Susan Cohon, Livny said we must "hope and believe and do everything we can to make peace a success. We have to try and take risks. We have taken risks at war and now we have to take risks at peace."

Livny, who is involved with Russian olim and their special situation in Israel, said Israel wants to continue to absorb Russian Jews "but we cannot do that while fighting a war. The economy will flourish only if we make peace. We cannot spend so much money on defence and still absorb Russian olim."

He said half a million Russian Jews have changed the nature of the state. "We have to provide jobs for them because the absorption process, although costing initially, makes the economy boom. So much is being built, so much is changing — you come to Israel and feel as if you are in a country in full gear."

Livny said "we were always told that Israel could not afford to give up Sinai but when we were guaranteed that we wouldn't have to face the Egyptian army again, we embraced the new peace, gave it a chance.

"We gave [the Sinai] up thinking in the final analysis we would not have to give up the West Bank," said Livny. The move was precendent-setting, he said, since again Israel has given up land for peace.

Livny said that with 100,000 Israelis living in Judea and Samaria, the question is if there is peace, what kind of peace will it be? "How will we continue to live in a situation in which Palestinians will be allowed to have autonomy and eventually a Palestinian State? If there is a Palestinian state, what will its relationship be with Israel?"

Livny added that he finds himself praying Arafat will survive because "he seems to be the only one to make a deal with Israel. What happens if fundamentalists take over? They are against peace."

He said it is very easy to sit in North America and say "hold on to the territories and do not give up an inch ... We have a short time to show the Palestinians that we can make their life better economically and socially."

Livny said he dreams about the day we will live in peace and not fear "fundamentalists on both sides — theirs and ours."

Michael Bregman, chair of major gifts for United Jewish Appeal, told the group that this year's campaign is showing an increase over last year and is "exceeding our greatest expectations, so far."

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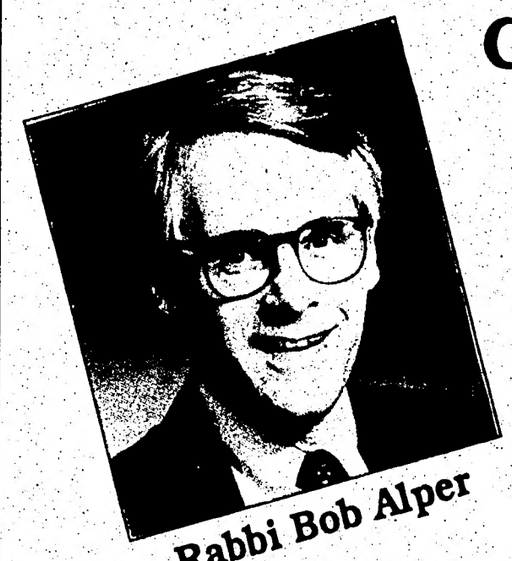

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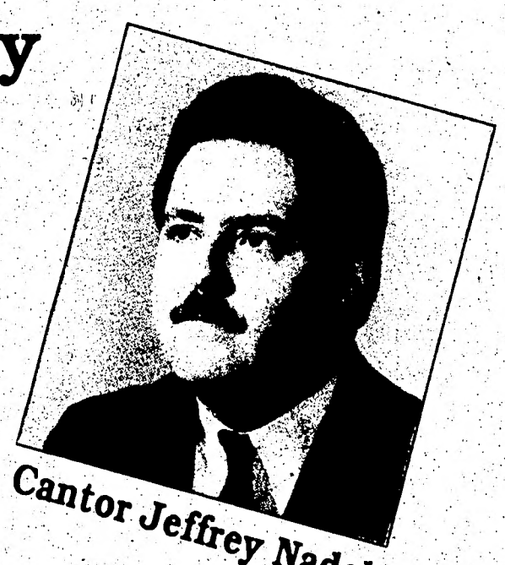

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Organizations and People

First woman Conservative rabbi takes up duties in Halifax

By LESLEY GAUM

HALIFAX — For the Halifax Jewish community, Rosh Hashanah signalled not only the beginning of the New Year but the beginning of a new era in Conservative Judaism when a female rabbi led services at Shaar Shalom Synagogue.

Rabbi Pamela Hoffman, the first woman Conservative rabbi in Canada, is the new part-time rabbi at the Halifax synagogue.

"It's a great mystery to me why I decided to become a rabbi," Rabbi Hoffman says. "I wanted to be a rabbi since the late 1960s before it was even an option for women."

Growing up in a small town in New England where Judaism was an oddity — she was the only Jew in her class throughout school — Rabbi Hoffman had to consciously seek her own Jewish identity.

"I did an enormous amount of reading, whatever I could find," she says. "And through my learning, I felt myself transported out of this little Unitarian town in New England. That's when I decided to become a rabbi."

Rabbi Hoffman admits she is surprised at the course her life has followed.

"It wasn't like I had this rich Jewish life growing up . . . it was almost like there was someone pulling and calling on me."

But it hasn't been an easy path to follow. Rabbi Hoffman says for most Jews religion is dominated and conditioned by images of what God and rabbis are supposed to look and sound like — men.

"I think a lot of people when they imagine or describe what God looks like see a benevolent old man with a long beard in the sky," says Rabbi Hoffman.

Traditions ingrained in society are difficult to break down. As part of the first generation of women rabbis she realizes she is doing something very different from what people are used to.

"People have difficulty seeing women in public leadership and power roles," says Rabbi Hoffman. "It is an uncomfortable feeling for a lot of people — for both men and women."

The Halifax Jewish community has been extremely receptive. Rabbi Hoffman says she has been received warmly and positively, especially by the women of the congregation.

"There is a chemistry involved in every relationship between the rabbi and the congregation — a sense of fit," she says. "I think I felt this sense of fit from the first time I was in Halifax."

As for being a woman in a traditionally male role, Rabbi Hoffman says she likes to think women bring certain qualities of their own to the concept of rabbi. She says they bring a sense of warmth, emphathy and feeling to the rabbinate.

"People have opened up to me in a way they wouldn't have to a male rabbi," says Rabbi Hoffman. "They may find it easier to be open and admit their ignorance or doubt about what religion really means to them."

As women continue to enter the rabbinate, Rabbi Hoffman believes the Conservative movement needs to educate congregations about what a rabbi is — a teacher, a counsellor, a mentor — as opposed to simply a man or a woman.

Male or female, she says, a rabbi needs to have a sense of passion about Judaism and the ability to communicate this passion to all members of the community.

"I try to communicate to people that it is OK to be where you are at in your religion and not to live behind pretenses of what you should know," she says. "Because there is no one way in to Judaism."

"That's really important to me."

Part-time rabbis leave city wanting

By AMY ROSEN

HALIFAX — Before she left Brazil, Suzana Lifschipz was an observant Jew. She attended synagogue regularly, kept kosher and followed other Jewish traditions.

Now pursuing her masters degree in development economics at Dalhousie University in Halifax, the Sao Paulo native is finding it difficult to maintain her Jewish identity in a city with so few Jews.

"Since I came here," she said, "I have tried to continue to be religious, but it got hard after a year. There's not an environment I know."

There's also no rabbi.

For the first time since the birth of the city's two synagogues, the Jews of Halifax find themselves without a permanent rabbi. And that leaves many people going through personal problems without spiritual guidance.

Lifschipz's younger sister was killed recently while studying in a high school exchange program in the United States. Lifschipz sat shivah at a friend's house, but it was sparsely attended since few people knew about it.

"I think it would be better if a rabbi was here," said Lifschipz. "The place where my sister passed away, there was a rabbi and he gave a lot of support to me and my mother. I think a rabbi makes a difference."

Lloyed Newman, president of Halifax's Conservative Shaar Shalom Synagogue, said the Jewish community could get along without a rabbi but conceded most people would prefer to have a rabbi officiate at their wedding or funeral.

Weddings are planned. Deaths aren't. But Newman said Rabbi Pamela Hoffman, Shaar Shalom's out-of-province rabbi, tries to arrive in time for any funeral in the Jewish community. If she can't make it in time, the community brings in the rabbi from Saint John, or one from Boston or New York.

Even so, people have died and been buried in Halifax without a rabbi present.

"That has happened, not once or twice, but a fair amount of times," said Newman.

"Halifax is isolated from the mainstream of Jewish life," he said. "Rabbis, by their lifestyle and their commitment, would most likely want to have some of the fa-

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Jews have nothing to fear from BQ, says Richler

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — Quebec will probably not separate from Canada, author Mordecai Richler told an audience in Ottawa last week, but it may still be an uncomfortable place for anglophones.

"The only reason Jews have to be apprehensive in Quebec is because they're English speaking. The Bloc Quebecois is not anti-Semitic in the least," Richler said. "Young English-speaking people, Jewish and Gentile, are leaving and I don't blame them because there's too much hassle. It's not good enough to be bilingual, you also have to have a francophone name."

Richler was speaking to a sell-out crowd of 500 at Arts Alive, the Jewish Community Centre festival celebrating Jewish Book Month.

But Richler didn't come to Ottawa to talk about politics. Questions about the election and the Bloc Quebecois had to wait until Richler finished his funny and engaging lecture about his books and his writing career.

Richler, who has written 15 books, including the *Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz*, *St. Urbain's Horseman* and *Solomon Gursky was Here*, wrote his first "literary" novel as a young man aspiring to be another Hemingway.

"I was determined to be a real literary man and was scornful of my own Montreal, St. Urbain Street," he said. "I had to force my way through two more novels before I wrote *Duddy Kravitz*, for which the pillars of the Montreal Jewish community have never forgiven me."

Richler was referring to the controversy stirred up by his slightly shady Jewish characters. But that was nothing compared to the commotion raised when he wrote about Quebec nationalism and language laws in *The New Yorker* two years ago and in his book *Oh Canada, Oh Quebec! Requiem for a Divided Nation*.

Mordecai Richler

Richler believes Quebecois nationalists overreacted to the *New Yorker* article because they were embarrassed to have the issue broadcast to Americans.

"I think if the same article had been published in *Maclean's* or *Saturday Night*, they wouldn't have given it a second thought," said Richler.

He called the book and article a "citizen's complaint," and said he now intends to get back to writing novels.

Asked about the federal election results, Richler said the Bloc Quebecois owes part of its success to a protest vote. Not all supporters were sovereigntists.

"A good third of the people who voted for the Bloc are just spiteful of our politicians, for which you can't blame them."

Lucien Bouchard, he said, will be performing a "difficult high-wire act in Ottawa, because if he gets certain things for Quebec, then federalism works."

He also said that in terms of racism, he is more worried about the Reform party than the Bloc Quebecois. Though he doesn't count Preston Manning among them, Richler said there are "a lot of rednecks in that party.

"I count on them embarrassing themselves in the House."

Richler's next book, "sort of a memoir," will be out in September. Last year Richler spent six weeks in Israel looking up old friends from his Labor Zionist Habonim chapter in Montreal who had moved to Israel. The book, he said, is about Israel, his friends and the Labor Zionist movement of the 1940s.

After all these years, he said, writing has become a satisfying habit.

"I'm stuck with the notion I started with — to be an honest witness to my time, my place and to write at least one novel that will last."

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Organizations and People

Mark Pearlman

New Ontario ORT president aims to boost group's profile

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Mark Pearlman, the recently elected president of Canadian ORT Ontario region, is a strong team player.

With the help of his new executive, made up of young, enthusiastic business people, Pearlman is dedicated to increasing the profile of ORT as well as adding to the organization's active board members.

Pearlman, 35, who also serves as national treasurer of Canadian ORT, says he wants both the Jewish community and the community at large to know about the "incredible work ORT does. Not only do we have the most advanced technological, vocational school network in the world, we can offer cost-efficient programs to other institutions."

A partnership formed between ORT and the North York Board of Education is one way ORT plans to increase its community profile. "ORT, with its sophisticated research and development facilities and programs, will be able to assist the board to stay current with state-of-the-art technology that is being utilized in the workplace."

The partnership will allow North York students and teachers to keep abreast of changes through training, software and modular packages from ORT.

"By providing the experience to help teachers teach technology, not only will we increase our own profile, we will help our community and Israel," says Pearlman. "We will get out the message of what ORT is capable of doing [which is] teaching people to make their own living and becoming independent."

The first thing Pearlman did upon becoming president was meet with sister organization Women's Canadian ORT to join strengths and work together. "We are one organization and we want to make our relationship significant. We have agreed to form a joint committee to co-ordinate communications and I look forward to working closely with them and sharing resources."

He says in addition to increasing ORT's profile and membership participation, he would like to see the organization provide a social environment for members to network. "We will bring in speakers and offer activities which will provide people with the opportunity to learn more about ORT."

Pearlman praises executive director Yaacov Erez for bringing young, vibrant people into ORT. "I have close to 40 active board members ... I can't stop stressing that all our board members are active, excellent people and I am looking forward to a tremendous amount of activity.

He says one board member's suggestion to form a youth chapter is being pursued. "It could be the basis for a ground roots organization."

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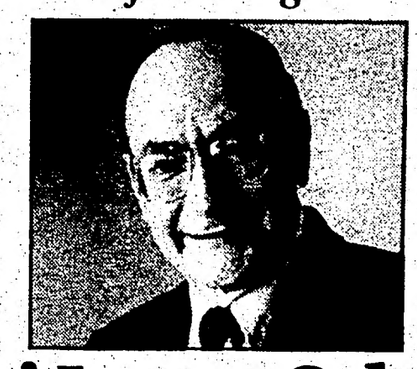

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University of Western Ontario a home for Jewish students

By MARA KOVEN

LONDON — This is a city where Jews at the university outnumber Jews in the city, 3,000 to 2,500. The University of Western Ontario (UWO) attracts Jews from across Canada as well as from Israel, Zimbabwe, Mexico and England.

UWO administration estimates that Jews represent 12 percent of the students on campus. This is disproportionately high compared with other Ontario universities. For example, six percent of Toronto's York University student body is Jewish.

So why are Jewish students attracted to Western? Some attend for its professional programs in medicine, business and law. The Jewish Student Union (JSU) executive board offers several reasons undergraduates come to the school.

It says the students come to get away from large cities like Toronto and Montreal, prepare for entry into professional school and to attend a solid university.

Like most large campuses, the JSU is very active at UWO. It is an umbrella group that contains three distinct organizations: Hillel; the Coalition of Western Jewish Students, a politically active group concerned about Israel and world Jewry; and Chabad, the religious group. Each group has its own president and subcommittees that operate programs. The presidents of the three groups meet as the JSU executive.

The JSU receives $50,000 a year from Council of Jewish Federations (Canada) to support the large number of Jewish students at Western. A graduate student group is now being reactivated.

Of the 3,000 Jewish students at UWO, the JSU has about 425 paid members. Membership fee is $10. Hillel president Noa Kaplan comments on the Western Jewish student profile.

"There are different Jews at Western. Some come from small communities and are eager to connect to JSU. Others have come from strong Jewish backgrounds who don't feel they need to associate with JSU in their first year. Other Jews want to test their surroundings, establish themselves and for some this means interdating."

Kaplan says Hillel is the social, cultural and Jewish identity arm of the JSU. Its goal is to address Jewish identity issues with programs that stimulate Jewish pride. Programs include on-campus barbecues, wine-and-cheese receptions for Jewish students and professors, and building the campus sukkah with Chabad.

"One of the best approaches to reach unaffiliated Jewish student is through one-on-one contact," says Kaplan. "If I personally invite someone to an event, there is a better chance of connecting that person with our warm environment. I've noticed that many unaffiliated Jews come back to JSU in their fourth year. They've interdated, tested their Jewish ideals and wind up feeling a need to reconnect."

But Kaplan also notes Jews stay together even without JSU. "There is definitely a Jewish presence on campus." Of the 22 fraternities at Western, two are Jewish and two others are at least 50 percent Jewish. "It is known that if ZBT (a national Jewish fraternity) is having a party, most people attending will be Jewish," he says.

The JSU's faculty advisor, Ted Medzon, initiated the umbrella structure three years ago. "I saw that competition between various interests would be destructive," he says. "This system enables students to be involved in what interests them. It also allows for development of leadership."

Medzon, who also co-chairs the Council of Jewish Federations' campus services committee, hopes Western's JSU will influence other campuses to adopt this model. It is already being used in the United States.

Jay Papernick, president of the Coalition of Western Jewish Students, says the executive helps better meet students' needs. "If a Coalition program idea works better as a Shabbat dinner program, we'll give it to Chabad," he says. Papernick was president of Chabad last year.

Francee Ender is the London Jewish Community Centre program director and the JSU's sole staff person. She says the current structure "reaches more students by being more diverse. Students have different interests and needs. One may come to a program on Israel and then be attracted to other JSU events."

In the past, the Coalition has focused on Israel, Holocaust and anti-Semitism awareness activities. "This year we are trying to be more open and pro-active," says Papernick. For example, Coalition sponsored a political candidates' forum before the federal election. Although the turnout was low, the hope was to create an interersting atmosphere to discuss Israel and other political issues. Papernick says this type of program could attract Jews interested in politics but not in attending other "Jewish" programs.

Chabad is located in an off-campus house. Many events are social, like barbecues and Sukkah parties. Chabad wants to encourage Jews to have a good time with each other while participating in Jewish observance. Chabad president Bryan Kahane says events attract 50-60 people.

In a world where success is measured by output, the JSU feels its achievements cannot be measured solely by program attendance.

"The goal for JSU is to encourage active participation," says JSU president Annay Lybechansky.

"It isn't enough for students just to come to events, we want their involvement. We want students not only to read our publicity but be motivated by world events."

Another way of evaluating success is student leadership participation in the JSU. Leadership candidates were so numerous last year that elections were held on three different occasions.

JSU executives look at this as a true success. They see it as a sign that with all the stress in a Jewish student's life, there is still a need to connect Jewishly on campus.

The three Jewish organizations that make up Western's JSU each have their own president and subcommittee structures that operate programs. The presidents of the three groups meet as the JSU executive. A graduate student group is also being revitalized.

Hillel book examines Jewish life on campuses

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — If this is the year you apply to university, you could do worse than to check out the recently published *Hillel Guide to Jewish Life on Campus*, a 227-page large-size softcover book that invites browsing.

Brief descriptions of over 500 campuses, with a focus on Jewish resources available, comprise the bulk of the text. There is also a section devoted to Jewish Studies programs.

Most of the colleges listed are American, although 22 Canadian campuses are included, along with an exotic smattering of foreign universities including one each in Kobe, Japan; Bratislavia, Slovakia; and Montevideo, Uruguay.

All colleges listed have some type of Jewish presence on campus. Although it's likely that universities not included in the book don't have a Jewish student organization, it's not a given. Toronto's Ryerson Polytechnic University, for instance, has a small but active Jewish Student Council.

Inevitably, given the time it takes for a book to reach print, some of the descriptions are outdated, but they provide an excellent starting point for students and interested parents who will at least know where to direct their questions. (Did you know that there's a Campus Jewish Network at Southern Methodist University?)

Probably more useful than the descriptions, though, are the questions listed near the front of the book in the section on Issues to Consider Before Selecting a School. "If there is no Jewish organization on campus, is there one nearby?" is one such question, followed by the equally important, "Am I willing to travel to that campus for Jewish activities? How will I get there? Do other students go?"

Another issue addressed in the front section is the strong church connection found at some private colleges. This could include a Sunday church service as an integral part of the campus experience, according to the book.

Religious holidays — both Jewish and non-Jewish — may not be considered as issues by some students until they have a major exam scheduled on Yom Kippur. The importance of Christmas traditions, especially in some student dorms, may come as a "shock" to some Jewish students.

"Few students are aware of how much the assumptions on which much college life is based may undercut their identities as Jews," says Rabbi Cathy Felix in her section on The Small Liberal Arts College — and Others.

Don't be put off by the alarmist note sounded in Rabbi Felix' statement. *The Hillel Guide* is a valuable resource for all Jewish students, not only those interested in the availability of kosher food.

The Hillel Guide to Jewish Life on Campus is a 1993 publication of B'nai Brith Hillel Foundations in Washington, D.C.

Keshet Shalom opposes ban

TORONTO — Members of Keshet Shalom, the lesbian and gay synagogue, will begin a letter-writing campaign protesting Israel's proposed ban on HIV-positive immigrants.

HIV is the virus responsible for AIDS.

The campaign is also in support of the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights, which is lobbying the provincial government to provide benefits for same-sex couples.

Both proposals were approved at the annual general meeting last month.

Keshet Shalom also elected a new board of directors: Howard Goldstein, president; Doron Horowitz, vice-president; Michael Wainer, treasurer; Michelle Crawford, secretary and membership director; and Tony Suttman, communications director and officer-at-large.

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What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, Nov. 11, is deadline for Nov. 25 issue, and Thursday, Nov. 18, is deadline for Dec. 2 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone number is 422-2331, fax number is 424-1886.

Thursday, Nov. 11

RABBI MOSHE TENDLER

Rabbi Moshe Tendler, rosh yeshiva and professor of biology, Yeshiva University, will be meeting with the bio-ethics committee of the University of Toronto, at noon. Rabbi Tendler was guest speaker at the Association of Jewish Chaplains meeting Nov. 10.

Sunday, Nov. 14

MIRANSKY MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Peretz Miransky Memorial Lecture (Yiddish), will be delivered at the Jewish Book Fair at the Leah Posluns Theatre Sunday, Nov. 14, at 1:30 p.m. by **Anita Norich**, associate professor of English and Judaic Studies, University of Michigan, on the topic The Fiction of Israel Joshua Singer. Admission $5. For reservations, call 631-5668 or **Sylvia Lustgarten**, Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, 635-2883, ext. 155.

COSTA RICA JEWISH COMMUNITY

At the Hillel Children's Workshop adult discussion, **Richard and Cathy Brown** will talk on A Year in Costa Rica: The Jewish Community at 10:45 a.m. in Room 523, New College, 40 Willcocks St. Public is welcome. For information, call **Diane Brook Brown**, 536-8548.

WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH GROUP

Women are invited to join in the Rosh Chodesh Kislev celebrations at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch when the Women's Rosh Chodesh Group of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation will lead the davening for women at 9 a.m. in Room 206. After the service, both men and women are invited to hear a lecture by **Shoshana Zolty** on Women and the Study of Torah in Jewish Law and History at the Leah Posluns Theatre in conjunction with the Jewish Book Fair.

A JOURNEY OF REMEMBRANCE

Downtown Jewish Community Council, in cooperation with Holocaust Education Week committee, presents **Prof, Irving Abella**, president, Canadian Jewish Congress, who will speak on Poland Trip Presentation: A Journey of Remembrance, at 11 a.m. at Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). For information, call 924-6211.

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

At the Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood Breakfast Club meeting, following 9 a.m. services, **Rabbi Mark Dratch** will discuss Mitzvot: Divine Commands or Human Options?

BEACH HEBREW INSTITUTE

Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave., invites you to come and be a part of the Women's Rosh Chodesh Group at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 693-1761 or the synagogue, 694-7942.

TORAH POSITION ON PEACE

Rabbi Chiam Brovender, dean of Ohr Torah Institutions, will speak on Is There a Torah Position on Peace in the Middle East? at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST

Remembering the Holocaust in Germany and Poland Today is the topic to be discussed by education consultant **Frank Bialystock** at Congregation Darchei Noam, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building) at 8 p.m. This is a Holocaust Education Week program. For information, call synagogue office, 638-4783.

BASIC JUDAISM COURSE

The Rabbinical Assembly, Ontario region, continues its Basic Judaism Course with The Oral Law, 7:30-9 p.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue. There is no charge. A Hebrew Literacy course is available for those interested following the sessions. For information, contact **Rabbi Howard Markose**, 889-4975.

SISTERHOOD BREAKFAST MEETING

The Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood meeting begins 10 a.m. with breakfast, followed by guest speaker, nutitionist **Sharon Gottlieb** speaking on Low-fat Lifestyle which incorporates the new Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating. Charge is $3. For more information, call **Sharon** at shul office, 787-1631.

MEZUZAH IN THE MADONNA'S FOOT

As part of Holocaust Education Week, **Trudy Alexy**, author and family therapist, a French-born assimilated Jew who survived the Holocaust as a Catholic in Spain, will speak on The Mezuzah in the Madonna's Foot at 3 p.m. at Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation, 12 Heaton St.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Congregation Darchei Noam's second annual community garage sale is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Bargains galore will be offered— clothing, toys, games, books, household items, plus coffee and baked goods. Admission is 50 cents for adults, children free. For information, contact synagogue office, 638-4783.

Monday, Nov. 15

WHY DATE JEWISH?

Association for Jewish Continuity invites you to come and hear about Why Date Jewish?. Participants are volunteer educator **Jerry Marcus** and **Rabbi Michael Skobac**, director, Jewish Students' Union, University of Toronto, and moderator **Edmond Y. Lipsitz**, at noon, at BBN James Capel Inc. Boardroom, 24th floor, 1 Financial Place, 1 Adelaide St. E. A light lunch will be served. RSVP, 789-4148.

JUST ENOUGH IS PLENTY

At the Jewish Book Fair, a group of students from the Dr. Abraham Shore Academy, She'arim Hebrew Day School, is presenting a Chanukah play, *Just Enough Is Plenty*, directed by **Gail Baker**. Showtime is 10:30 a.m. Admission free.

HUMORIST HARVEY ATKIN

Medina Theatre Ensemble of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) is presenting noted actor/Jewish humorist **Harvey Atkin** at 8 p.m. at the JCC Bloor Y. For further information, call 785-1074.

JEWISH FAMILY LAW AND THE GET

At Beth Sholom Sisterhood's general meeting, lawyer **John Syrtash** will discuss Jewish Family Law and the Get at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Admission is $2. For information, call 783-6103.

ROSH CHODESH LUNCHEON

The Rosh Chodesh Luncheon program at Ohr Somayach Thornhill for women features guest speaker **Rabbi Baruch Taub** of Bais Avraham Yoseph, 613 Clark Ave., W., who will speak on Lights, Ladders and Leaders: the Month of Miracles. Luncheon is 12:45-2:45 p.m. For reservations, 886-5730. Babysitting available.

NAGILLAH CHAPTER BBW

Nagillah chapter, B'nai Brith Women (singles 40 plus), general meeting is 7:30 p.m. at the Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd. **George Harris**, AIC investment strategist, will discuss Investment Planning. Prospective members welcome. For information, call **Beverley**, 633-3203 or **Miriam**, 638-6493.

FAMILIES OF GAYS AND LESBIANS

Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m. in the foyer, Holy Blossom Temple. For more information, call in confidence **Ruth**, 763-9111.

HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD DINNER

Canadian Council of Christian and Jews Human Relations Award Dinner honors **David Bloom, Nancy Ann Raeburn Paul, Dr. Joseph Wong** and the United Way of Greater Toronto represented by **Anne Golden**. Dinner co-chairs are **Tobie Bekhor** and **Bonnie Levy**. Reception is 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:45 at Royal York Hotel, Canadian Room. For details, call 364-3101.

Tuesday, Nov. 16

MIDEAST ANALYSIS

Renowned Mideast analyst **Haim Shaked**, currently director of Middle East Studies, University of Miami, speaks on Is the 100-Year War Over? Rethinking the Arab-Israeli Conflict, at Lipa Green Building, 4th floor, 4600 Bathurst St., 8 p.m. Address sponsored by York University's Harry Crowe Memorial Lecture Series, and Israel affairs committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region. Admission is free.

DIGNITY DENIED

Jewish Community Centre North Y's Senior Adult Services Learning Experiences presents *Dignity Denied-Vignettes on Elder Abuse* with the Awareness Project Players from Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living at 1 p.m., Room 202-203. For information, call **Yvonne Martell**, 636-1880, ext. 249.

THE PEACE PROCESS

Beth Tzedec Beth Midrash Program on Israel Today-Conflict and Controversy, the Itta and Eliezer Zeisler Endowed Lectures, with **Morton Manilla** begins with The Peace Process, at 8 p.m.

WHY I AM A JEW

Shaarei Shomayim Adult Education is presenting a video with **Dennis Prager** entitled *Why I am a Jew* at 8 p.m. at the synagogue.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

Kosher Cooking School fall courses conclude with Breads and Pastries Galore at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. Fee is $15. Call Kashruth Council of Toronto, 635-9550, for registration and information.

WINNER

Seen above is Ben Nobleman presenting the annual Morris Nobleman Memorial Scholarship to 1993 winner Reva Rabinowitz at the recent girls' graduation ceremony at the Yeshiva Eitz Chaim. At the microphone is Rabbi Moshe Stern of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, chair of the evening. Fifty girls graduated that evening and 16 scholarships were presented, including the Faye and Joseph Tanenbaum Memorial Scholarship. Morris Nobleman taught Hebrew at Talmud Torah Eitz Chaim on D'Arcy Street for over 30 years.

Wednesday, Nov. 17

LONG-TERM CARE

To learn more about the provincial government's plans to reform long-term care come to the Wellness Education lecture sponsored by Baycrest Centre, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Wagman Centre. **Moshe Greengarten**, vice-president of public and community affairs at Baycrest, is the featured speaker. Wagman Centre members and Baycrest residents free, non-members $2. For information, call **Judy Chu**, 789-5131, ext. 2341.

REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE

Reproductive Medicine: Medical Miracles and Moral Dilemmas will be discussed at the Adath Israel Sisterhood meeting by **Dr. Jerald Bain**, endocrinologist, specialist in reproductive medicine, Mount Sinai Hospital, and Adath Israel's **Rabbi Steven Saltzman**, 8 p.m. Sisterhood members $3, non-members $5. For information, call **Cheryl Sonenberg**, 630-5090, or **Gertie Kramer**, 493-1325.

FREEDOM TO HATE

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue continuing education committee presents *Freedom to Hate*, a documentary on anti-Semitism in Russia written, directed and produced by **Ray Errol Fox**, at 8 p.m. For information, call 633-3838.

PRIDE OF ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

At Pride of Israel Synagogue, 59 Lissom Cres., **Eli Toby** from Petah Tikva Synagogue will speak on Sephardi Judaism at 8 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 18

ANTI-SEMITISM IN RUSSIA

Beth Tzedec Men's Club and Sisterhood present the docudrama, *Freedom to Hate*, depicting the increase of anti-Semitism in Russia, followed by a panel discussion, Anti-Semitism in Russia Today: How Do We Respond? Panelists are University of Toronto professors **Peter Solomon**, political science; **Robert Brym**, sociology; and **Joseph Shatzmiller**, history. Moderator is **Genya Intrator**, chair, Beth Tzedec Soviet Jewry committee. Time is 7:30 p.m. Admission free.

ORT BOOK FAIR EVENT

The ORT evening at the Jewish Book Fair features **Ivan Kelmar**, professor of anthropology, University of Toronto, speaking on his new book, *The Trotskys, Freuds and Woody Allens*, the great civilization of the mixed up Jew, at 8 p.m. Kelmar is a former ORT student.

And What Else Is New...

A GREAT WEEKEND

Rabbanit Chana Henkin, founder of Nishmat, a yeshiva of Torah study for women in Jerusalem, will be scholar-in-residence at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Nov. 19 and 20. There will be a dinner Friday night, followed by a public lecture, Personalities in the Torah: Excellence and Mediocrity at 7:45 p.m., and a shiur Saturday at 3:15 p.m. on Chanukah: A Theology of Miracles. Call synagogue office, 789-3213, to make reservations for the dinner.

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Organizations and People

What's New

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ABRAHAM AND HIS CHILDREN

Solel Congregation Brotherhood will honor the Jewish Chautauqua Society of Canada Friday, Nov. 19, at 8:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 2399 Folkway Dr., Mississauga. The film, *Abraham and His Children* will be presented after services and Oneg Shabbat, followed by a panel discussion. Everyone is welcome. RSVP to 905-820-5915.

AT THE KABBALAH CENTRE

The Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W., offers the following programs. Call 631-9395 for details—

A special lecture, Kabbalah, Business and Property, takes place Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7-8:30 p.m.

A 13-week beginner's course on the basic concepts of Kabbalah starts Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.

The synagogue holds morning prayers weekdays and Sundays and Shabbat services Saturday mornings. Check for times.

JSF EVENTS

Jewish Student Federation (JSF), York University, upcoming events taking place at JSF, Room 442 Student Centre, include—

Oy Vay, My Child Is Gay!, a panel discussion by parents, brothers, sisters of Jewish gays and lesbians, Thursday, Nov. 11, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Somewhere Between the Shtetl and Oz, a talk on Judaism, gays, lesbians and bisexuals by **Rabbi Sharon Sobel**, assistant rabbi, Holy Blossom Temple, Wednesday, Nov. 17, 12:30-1:30 p.m. **Rabbi Mark Dratch** will also be speaking.

A FANTASY AUCTION

A fantasy auction Saturday, Nov. 27, at the Wagman Centre is in aid of the Ruth Wattenberg Auslander Emergency Fund. The fund, operating under the auspices of Jewish Family and Child Service, was established by **Norman Auslander** in 1985 in memory of his wife to raise funds for needy Jewish seniors and children.

Over 150 items will be auctioned, including art, jewelry, antique furniture, restaurant meals, Persian rugs and a trip for two to Disney World. A silent auction will take 7-9 p.m. followed by a live auction. Tickets available at the door or by calling **Florence Weinberger**, 638-7800.

DIAL-A-PARSHAH

A new Jewish educational service for adults, Dial-a-Parshah, 781-7737, is directed toward people who desire a basic knowledge and understanding of the weekly Torah portion. It covers the entire parshah bit by bit, five instalments per week, drawing on the commentaries of **Rashi, Ramban, Hirsch** and other classics. Each prerecorded shiur is 15 minutes long. This service, taught by **Yehuda Moldofsky** of Ohr Somayach/JEP, is free of charge to listeners and is supported by donations.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN JEWISH

Leo Baeck Parents Association is presenting **Susan Jackson**, director, Community Services, Canadian Jewish Congress, Tuesday, Nov. 23, 8 p.m. at the school, 34 Kenton Dr. The theme of the evening is how to keep our children Jewish

NE'IMOT SINGERS

The third annual performance of Ne'imot Singers...In Concert, upbeat contemporary Hebrew music under the direction of **Doron Ophir**, takes place Saturday, Nov. 20, 8:30 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Tickets are $10, reserved seating $20, and are available at Negev, Matana Judaica, Israel's and Aleph Bet bookstores. Also at the door. For information, call 538-2455.

$10,000 IN CASH PRIZES

Temple Sinai Brotherhood's annual draw ($10,000 in cash prizes plus door prizes) is Wednesday, Nov. 24, at the temple with an open bar, hors-d'oeuvre and dinner. Tickets are $130 (partial income tax receipt). Proceeds help projects such as children's attendance at Reform summer camps and visits to Israel. Call **Howard Zippan**, 445-0916, or **Lew Rasminsky**, 764-5166.

INTERTALK

Intertalk: A Support Group for Couples in Intercultural Relationships, led by intermarriage counsellor **Eva Goldfinger**, meets Sunday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to noon, at Secular Jewish Association, 131 Fenn Ave. For information, call 889-7450.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family and Child Service offers the following groups— Positive Parenting (for teens, pre-schoolers, school age and preteens, begins November); When Your Children Intermarry (for parents to discuss the challenges and opportunities this situation presents, begins November). For information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

THE YORKMINSTRELS

The Yorkminstrels, North York musical theatre company, opens its 36th season with **Gilbert and Sullivan's** *The Pirates of Penzance*. Performances run Nov. 11, 12, 13, 14 (2 p.m.), 18, 19, 20, at Earl Haig Secondary School, 100 Princess Ave. For tickets, call the box office, 445-7173 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

CHABAD LUBAVICH OF MARKHAM

Chabad Lubavich of Markham events—

Sisterhood meeting, Nov. 11, 8:30 p.m. on One in Three Teenagers Intermarry: Can You Play a Part in Changing These Statistics? (including film presentation) with **Susan Jackson**, director, Community Services and Youth Activities, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, 8:30 p.m. at the shul. Couvert $4. For information, call 905-886-0420.

Sewing Club to meet Tuesdays, 8:30-10:30 p.m., Nov. 16-Dec. 14, at the shul. Call **Sharon Hatchuel**, 905-889-4569 for details.

Monday Night Rambam, a class on Jewish tradition through the eyes of Maimonides, led by **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**, at 8:30 p.m. at 135 Holm Cres., Thornhill. For details, 905-886-0420.

at the JCC

Jewish Community Centre North Y branch Senior Adult Services Learning Experiences presents Dignity Denied—Vignettes on Elder Abuse Tuesday, Nov. 16 (see details under What's New).

A craft, toy, jewelry, clothing, kitchenware, Judaica and so forth pre-Chanukah vendors show is being held Sunday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the North Y branch. Interested vendors should call **Rosanne**, 631-5658.

Take a winter break to Costa Rica Jan. 23-Feb. 6. on a tour arranged by North Y branch Senior Adult Services. It includes airfare, accommodation, 24 meals, all tours, baggage handling, taxes, gratuities, cancellation and medical insurance. Call **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

for seniors

Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 and over, meets every other Friday morning, 9:30-11, in the Boardroom, 55 Ameer Ave. Next meeting is Nov. 12. For more information, call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events—Saturday dance Nov. 13, 7-10 p.m.; Sunday dance with live band, Nov. 14, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; day trip Monday, Nov. 15, to Phantom Hosiery and Canada Cup Factory ($5); Chanukah party, Tuesday, Dec. 14 ($5 members, $6 non-members); New Year's dinner-dance Wednesday, Dec. 29 ($20 members, $25 non-members). Call 395-7881 for information on all activities.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On Nov. 10, guest speaker **Doron Catmiel** speaks on the situation in Israel after the accord. All Hebrew speaking people are invited. For information, call 783-9453.

The **Wagman Centre**— Wellness Education lecture is on the Ontario government's plans for long-term care reform with lecturer **Moshe Greengarten**, vice-president, public and community affairs, Nov. 17, 1:30-2:30 p.m. (details under What's New). A movie will be shown Sunday, Nov. 14, 1:30-3 p.m. The Tuesday program Nov. 16 features pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** and singer **Lillian Keltz** 7:30-8:30 p.m.

LZA Seniors Club continues registration for Miami trips Wednesday mornings, 10 to noon, at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. For information, phone **Libby**, 782-2059, or **Belle**, 633-5841. Tickets now available for the annual Chanukah party Saturday, Dec. 11, with **Phil Gold** and his orchestra. Next luncheon meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 17, 11:30 a.m. with guest speaker **Brig.-Gen. Doron Kadmiel**.

Join **Young at Heart Seniors** at the Sherry Frontenac Hotel in Florida for two weeks to three months. Reasonable package deal (efficiency no extra charge) including pick up at airport and hotel and upon return, live entertainment and more, $1875 Canadian, double occupancy (if medical goes up, price goes up). Call **Helen** or **Doreen**, 635-6343.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club North York Board of Education programs are exercise and yoga, line dancing and music appreciation. For information on all activities, call **Lena**, 785-5773, or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

On Thursday, Nov. 11, 2 p.m., at Lifestyle Retirement Communities Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave., **Gordon Dean**, director of applied arts, Ryerson, presents The Life and Compositions of Noel Coward. Admission free but reserve by calling **Marlene White**, 785-1511.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2122.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture series presents Medical Issues From a Man's Point of View with **Dr. Al Green**, Thursday, Nov. 18, 1:30 p.m. Admission is free, everyone welcome.

The Nutrition Discussion Group with **Hannah Krasman** will focus on The Importance of Fibre, Friday, Nov. 12, and topic of group interest, Friday, Nov. 19, 10-11 a.m. Admission free, everyone welcome. Register with **Sandra** at Wellness desk or call 225-2112.

Male Issues Discussion Group, led by **Marshall Berman** meets Mondays, Nov. 15, 22 and 29, 12:45-1:45 p.m. Admission free, everyone welcome. Co-sponsored by Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) and La'Briyut Wellness Centre.

On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1:30 p.m. LLI features **Anita Eckstein**, chair, child survivor subcommittee and Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre, in a lecture illustrated with slides on the topic Journey of Remembrance to Poland Through the Eyes of a Hidden Child. Admission free, everyone welcome.

Successful Slimming, a six-week program to help you lose and maintain a healthy weight with nutritionist/dietician **Sharon Zeller** runs Mondays, noon to 1 p.m., Nov. 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20. Admission free, everyone welcome. Register with **Sandra Haberman** at Wellness desk or call 225-2112.

LLI features **Batya Hazenbalk**, psychology and humanities (Madrid), in a series on Religious Sects in Jewish History Part I, Wednesdays, 1:30-2:45 p.m., Nov. 17 and 24. Members no charge, non-members, $2 per class. Small materials fee may apply.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and single, meets every other Thursday at 7 p.m. On Nov. 18 dynamic speaker **Zev Perlmutter** will speak on Peace in the Middle East. Meetings are for Friendship Circle members only. Fee $1.

Annual Volunteer Simcha Tea (admission by invitation only) Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1:30 p.m. features singer/entertainer **Marvin Rosenschein**.

The movie *Rocket to Gibralter* will be screened Sunday, Nov. 14, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

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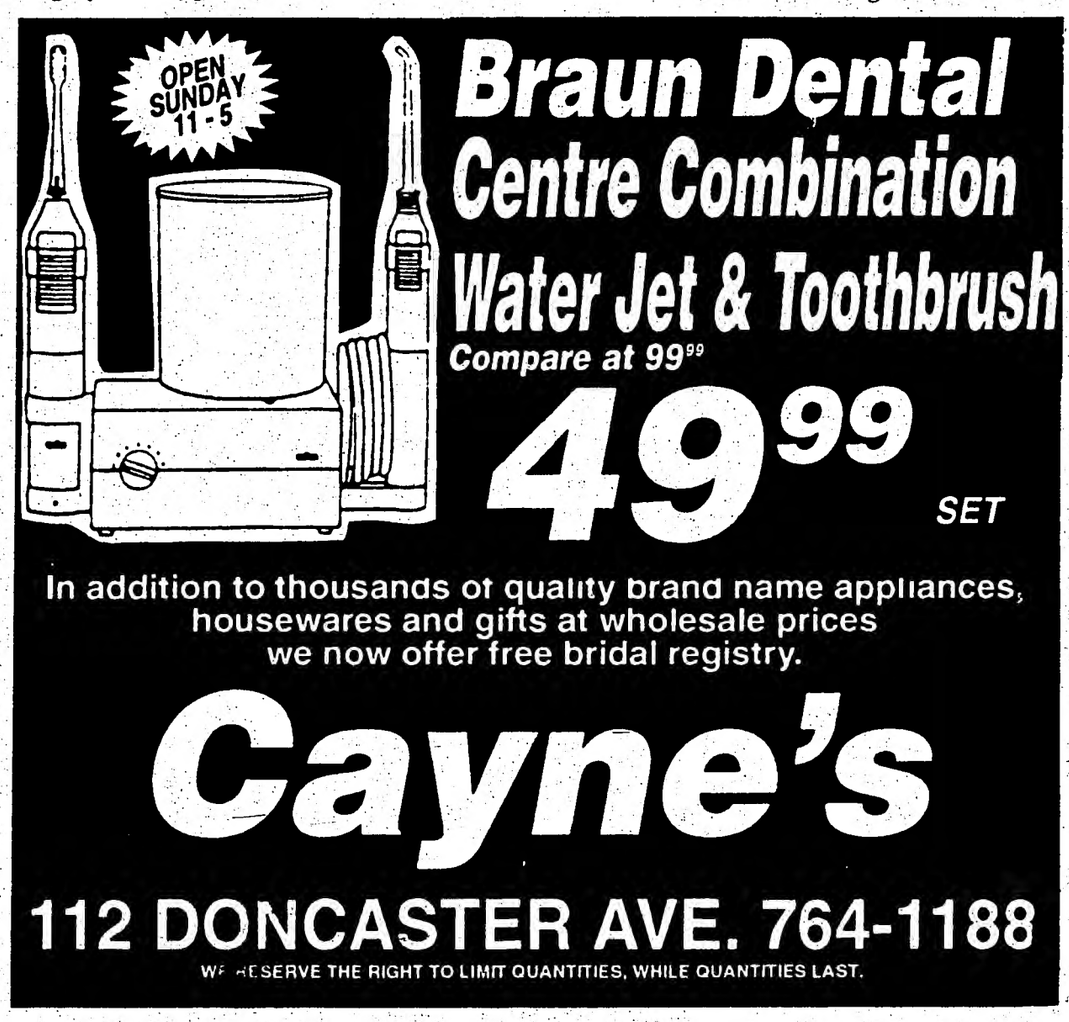
VOLUNTEER CHAIR

Barbara Cappe-Jacobs (centre), formerly director of Women's Division for State of Israel Bonds, was recently installed as the volunteer chair of Women's Division at a reception held at the home of Helen Friedman (second from right). Looking on at left are immediate past chair of Women's Division Marilyn Rotenberg and former chair Carol Epstein. At far right is Ruhama Goldstein, honorary national chair of Women's Division for Israel Bonds. [Arnold Machtinger photo].

TRIBUTE DINNER

At the tribute dinner held the evening of the recent dedication of the new beit midrash and addition to the Israel and Golda Koschitzky Torah Centre of Yeshivat Bnei Akiva Or Chaim, Israel and Golda Koschitzky (centre) were presented with an artist's rendition of the building by tribute journal co-chairs Phil Schwartz (left) and Aron Frankel (right).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Organizations and People

Shul program teaches children how to respond to hatred

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — A teenager takes a seat in a library next to an acquaintance who doesn't know he is Jewish. They strike up a conversation, but the smalltalk takes an unexpected turn when the acquaintance describes how during a recent shopping trip he got a better price after he "jewed down" the vendor.

How should a Jewish teen respond to that sort of remark?

It was questions like that from their children, coupled with concern over the apparent boldness of white supremacist groups, that prompted the membership of Har Zion Temple to host an anti-racist program recently.

Dubbed Circle of Hate, Anti-Semitism and Racism, the four-hour program was designed to give young Jews and their parents the tools to recognize and confront racist incidents, said Arieh Cohen, chair of Har Zion's social action committee.

Cohen said the program was arranged in co-operation with the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada and featured also the participation of Malka Rosenberg, a representative of the Ontario Anti Racism Secretariat, Stephen State, of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, as well as a member of the York Region Police Force.

Karen Mock, national director of the League, delivered the keynote address on the connection between racist language and racist actions.

Much of the afternoon program featured age-appropriate workshops for the approximately 100 participants, which included 30 children aged 6-13, their parents and others from the temple.

Children aged 11-13 took part in a workshop that featured the hypothetical run-in with the insensitive acquaintance. That workshop focused on instructing the youths "to open their mouths and not sit like a lame duck," Cohen said.

Organizers intend to follow up the recent program by holding joint events with other multicultural communities which are also intent on developing responses to racism, Cohen said.

Revolution in Torah education

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — A revolution in Torah education for women is underway, says Rabbanit Chana Henkin, the founder and director of Nishmat, the Institute for Higher Torah Studies for Women in Jerusalem.

"Throughout much of history, women who wanted to become Jewish scholars could only study alone at home, sometimes with a supportive father or husband," she says.

"At a time when Jewish women are entering every field of academic and professional endeavor, we must provide them with the same level of challenge in their Jewish studies as in their secular studies."

Rabbanit Henkin,46, believes the presence of women who posses superior Torah knowledge will have a good effect on other branches of society.

Rabbanit Henkin will be scholar-in-residence at the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave., in Toronto for the Nov. 19-20 Shabbat weekend. While in Toronto, Rabbanit Henkin will present a lecture titled Personalities in the Bible: Excellence and Mediocrity, at 7:30 p.m. following a Shabbat dinner. A Saturday afternoon lecture at 3:15 p.m. will be on Chanukah: A Theology of Miracles. There will also be several parlour meetings.

"We must train a generation of educators who will guide our daughters to reach for the stars in Torah scholarship and deeds," she says. "We must reach out to all those women threatened by assimilation who can be drawn in by the power of Torah and the challenge of textual study."

Rabbanit Henkin graduated from Stern College for Women and received a masters degree in Jewish history from Yeshiva University. She is the recipient of Israel's prestigious Agrest Prize for Innovative Education and has lectured extensively in Israel, the United States and Canada. She is married to Rabbi Yehuda Henkin, a well-known rabbinic scholar and teacher, and has six children aged 5 to 20.

The Henkin family left New York City and made aliyah two decades ago. For 13 years, while living in Beit Shean, she taught, developing creative teaching techniques.

Three years ago, after moving to Jerusalem, Rabbanit Henkin formed Nishmat. The classes, explains Rabbanit Henkin, "aim toward integrating Jewish tradition and the student's contemporary personality into a unified whole." The Torah institute offers Chumash, Jewish thought and prayer, Mishnah, Gemara, Halachah, and

Chana Henkin

many other areas of study. The courses are offered on several levels.

In addition to year-round programs, the school offers intensive summer courses.

Rabbanit Henkin says "for women who have the desire to study Gemara, I cannot really see the justification for maintaining a double standard where the Orthodox woman is concerned. In secular studies, the sky is the limit, but in Jewish studies are there still taboos?"

The quiet revolution of an ever-expanding student body of Orthodox women who study Talmud has led to a mushrooming of yeshivot for women. These women, with advanced secular education, are flooding into a growing number of programs available throughout the world.

This is Rabbanit Henkin's third lecture tour to Toronto. Last year, large groups of women and men gathered to attend her lectures. At Shaarei Shomayim, new educational programs for women, which include a very successful monthly Rosh Chodesh learning session, have met with great success.

For more information on Rabbanit Henkin's lectures, call the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, (416) 789-3213.

Halifax gets rabbi

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cilities of a larger community, namely a Jewish day school for their children, and ease of maintaining kashrut."

Newman said the current situation of having a rabbi who commutes from New York is a reasonably creative solution.

"Rabbi Pamela Hoffman is our rabbi," said Newman. "Even if she doesn't live in Halifax, contractually she is our rabbi. So if I want to get a judgment from her, or a ruling, she's not very far away either by fax or by phone."

Although he conceded it would be preferable to have a rabbi who lives in Halifax, Newman doesn't think the lack of a live-in rabbi limits one's capacity to utilize a rabbi's services.

"A rabbi is a judge, a source of halachic information and a teacher," he said. "You can have a baby, you can be buried, you can have a bar mitzvah, you can be married, all without a rabbi."

For Lifschipz, getting a venturing young rabbi to make his or her home in the city of Halifax is something to hope for.

"Here I only have my faith," she said. "But it hasn't been enough lately."

SINGLES EVENTS

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AMAL fetes executive director on occasion of 90th birthday

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Canadian Friends of AMAL's 1993-94 campaign was recently kicked off in Winnipeg with a tribute to Noach Witman, the longtime executive director of the Winnipeg office, in anticipation of his 90th birthday in April.

AMAL is a network of over 50 secondary and vocational schools in Israel.

Witman said at least 200 people attended the brunch at the Bnay Abraham Synagogue. The event raised over $9,000 towards a new lab in the AMAL Aeronautical School in Tel Aviv. The total cost of the lab was between $90,000 and $100,000.

"The Reshet AMAL in Israel and in Montreal both decided the lab should be named after me," he said. "They say this is my 90th year and the campaign will conclude after my birthday."

Witman has been hosting weekly Yiddish radio and television shows for decades, and ran the *Yiddishe Wort* as owner and editor. He still writes a weekly column in Yiddish in weekly *The Jewish Post and News*. He is also executive secretary of the Committee for Yiddish and cultural chair of the H. Leivick B'nai Brith Lodge (which donated $1,000 to the Witman lab), the only Yiddish-speaking lodge in North America.

While the preservation of Yiddish has been one thread running through his life, the other has been AMAL. He served as executive director the first time from 1942 to 1954. Although he left the position to pursue other projects, he remained an active member of the organization. About 10 years ago, he returned to the office of executive director on a volunteer basis.

Witman will be in Israel this month to visit the school, located in the Hatikvah neighborhood of Tel Aviv. The Noach Witman laboratory will provide the students with electrical, mechanical and aviation training using computer technology.

Bronfmans receive Mesorah Award

MONTREAL — Andrea and Charles Bronfman have been named winners of the 1993 Mesorah Award for Jewish Educational Leadership.

Long prominent in North American and international Jewish communal life, the Bronfmans will receive the award from the Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA) Nov. 19 in Montreal in conjunction with the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.

"JESNA established the Mesorah Award two years ago to dramatize the critical role that lay leaders play in supporting and promoting quality Jewish educational experiences," said JESNA president Billie Gold. "There [are] no more fitting [people] to receive this award than Andy and Charles Bronfman."

Andrea Bronfman is co-chair of the CRB Foundation of Montreal and Jerusalem, as well as a director of New York-based Muse Film and Television and The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. She has been involved in the Women's Division of the Combined Jewish Appeal in Montreal and Canadian Friends of Beth Hatefusoth. With the latter organization, she created the three-year travelling exhibition, A Coat of Many Colors: Two Centuries of Jewish Life in Canada, seen in 11 cities and three countries.

Charles Bronfman, philanthropist and business leader, together with his wife Andrea, founded the CRB Foundation in 1986. The Foundation is committed to the unity of the Jewish people, preserving Jewish identity in the Diaspora and encouraging Jewish youth to travel to Israel through The Israel Experience program.

He is a past president of the Jewish Federation of Montreal and chair of the Board of Governors of the Canadian Jewish Congress. He is honorary president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, the Jerusalem Foundation and honorary chair of the Canada-Israel Securities Limited (State of Israel Bonds).

Charles Bronfman was appointed a member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada for his contribution to national life in Canada and has been the recipient of the country's highest civilian award, Companion of the Order of Canada. He has received honorary doctorates from Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Brandeis University in Massachusetts, and McGill and Concordia universities in Montreal.

Previous winners of the Mesorah Award were Morton Mandel of Cleveland and Mandell Berman of Detroit. Berman, last year's recipient, will present the award to the Bronfmans.

JESNA provides a broad range of services and informational resources for local Jewish communities throughout North America, and represents the organized Jewish community before Israeli and world educational institutions.

Press council to hear complaint against Globe

By AMY SATTIN

TORONTO — A Toronto organization is going ahead with its complaint of anti-Israel bias in *The Globe and Mail*.

The Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association (CHRA) originally filed a complaint with the Ontario Press Council in July over two letters to the editor and a front-page photograph that ran in *The Globe's* July 22 issue. The photo depicted a crying girl, with text reading in part "41 Palestinian children under 16 have been shot to death [by Israeli soldiers] since December." There was no accompanying story.

At an adjudication hearing last month, CHRA vice-chair Sabina Citron asked the press council to consider *The Globe's* Mideast coverage "in a wider context." The council agreed, inviting the group to resubmit its complaints.

"[We] would be prepared to consider a complaint dealing with the wider issues of *Globe and Mail* coverage of Arab-Israeli issues but only if based on specifics," wrote Mel Sufrin, executive secretary of the council, in a letter dated Oct. 21.

Colin MacKenzie, deputy managing editor of *The Globe*, said his paper has nothing to apologize for. "We have no real problem with running the picture. We're happy with our [Mideast] coverage. Generally speaking, we do a pretty good job in an area which is fraught with emotion on both sides."

MacKenzie called Citron "a very well-intentioned person," but said *The Globe* doesn't feel that it is at fault.

Citron said her group has collected more than 60 examples of what she termed "pro-Arab propaganda" in *The Globe*. The CHRA has dropped a lawsuit against the paper over the two letters.

The Globe will have the chance to offer redress before another adjudication hearing is scheduled, most likely for February 1994.

The Press Council is a 120-member organization that mediates disputes between the public and Ontario newspapers. Last year it received 169 complaints, five of which specified biased, prejudiced and dishonest reporting. None of the five complaints was the subject of a hearing.

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Assimilation, intermarriage called major threats to Israel

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

Jewish continuity in Israel is threatened by cultural assimilation and intermarriage, said the president of Yeshiva University.

Dr. Norman Lamm was speaking at a recent dinner sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University at Shaar Shomayim Synagogue.

He said Israeli Jews cannot save their North American counterparts from disappearing through assimilation and intermarriage. "They [Israelis] are in deep trouble themselves," Lamm said.

He predicted peace will result in more intermarriage between Israeli Jews and Muslim and Christian Arabs, and said that visiting rock stars generated more excitement in the streets of Jerusalem than the signing of the Israel-PLO accord.

"People for and against the peace accord did not equal the people who came out for Michael Jackson and Madonna," Lamm said.

Lamm stressed that assimilation and intermarriage must be bigger priorities than fundraising for the United Israel Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal, fighting anti-Semitism, and Holocaust education.

"If they do not look at other things [besides memorializing the Holocaust], in two generations there will be no Jews left to remember."

He called assimilation "a pleasant Holocaust." He stressed Jewish education and family life as a way to ensure children remain Jewish. "If you do not have a firm family tradition, children have no reason to follow traditions."

Lamm blamed a low birth rate, quick divorce and abortion for undermining Jewish continuity in Israel. To turn the tide, he recommended more prenuptial and family counselling as well as making kosher food and Jewish education cheaper for large families. He said Jews must act instead of commissioning studies because "time is wasted and nothing is done."

In spite of the many discouraging remarks he made, Lamm said the task of survival is difficult but not impossible. It will be hard work, he said, but Jews must put aside "exceedingly disruptive" marginal differences because "we cannot afford time and resources batting each other."

Love, he concluded, is the greatest cement for unity.

BB baseball stars get recognition

By BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO — "My son the kangaroo!"

That's what Joe Carter's mother said as she watched him bound around the bases after hitting his famous three-run homer that won the Toronto Blue Jays the 1993 World Series pennant.

Major leagues sportscaster Jerry Howarth, speaking at a recent B'nai Brith baseball league brunch, praised the Blue Jays as "not one of the best but the very best team in baseball" and gave manager Cito Gaston most of the credit. "The players respect him and that's why they're champions," he said.

In his trademark voice known to thousands of Blue Jays fans, Howarth delivered an irresistible mix of insider baseball stories and locker-room humor (nothing too off-base, however) to some 400 recreational ball players at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel in Thornhill.

Recalling some of his funniest on-air bloopers, the Philadelphia-born Howarth related that during a late-night game in San Francisco some years ago, he told fans of the visiting team from Philadelphia, where it was 3 a.m., "this is for you folks back home who are scoring in bed."

Formed in 1961, the B'nai Brith (BB) Toronto baseball league began with some 70 players on six teams. Today its 1,500 active players on about 90 teams make it the largest organized softball league in North America, say league officials.

Playoff champions in the Fast Pitch division (most valuable player in brackets) were: Ziebart Tidy Car (Lou Silver); Canyon Pizza Hut (Shaya Zimmerman); Judea Levitts Meatgrinders (Larry Krupski); Maccabiah Bulls (Avi Ritter); Forestdale Blue Jays (Sam Wetston); RWYC Big Stars (Evan Kirsh); and Upper Canada Blue Jays (Mitch Silverstein).

Playoff champions in the Slow Pitch division (MVP in brackets) were: Canyon Screaming Eagles (Stan Horowitz); Maccabiah Raiders (Peter Heisz); Metro T.O. Athletics (Stuart Shaul); Metro T.O. Giants (Barry Savlov); Maven Habs (Ralph Barcan); and Maccabiah Trend Tech (Adam Greenspoon).

The recipient of the Charles Goldlust Memorial Sportsman of the Year Award for 1993 is Marv Goldman of Leonard Mayzel Lodge. The recipient of the first Michael J. Kleinberg Memorial Coach of the Year Award for 1993 is Darryl Hennick, who coached the Judea Levitts Meatgrinders team.

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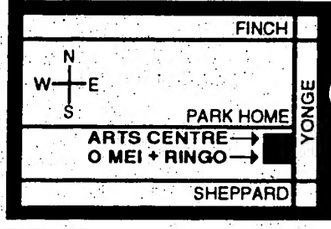

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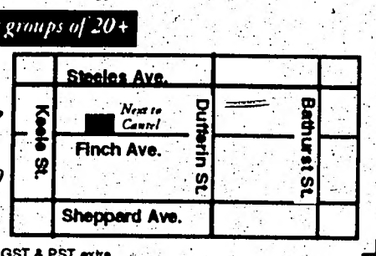

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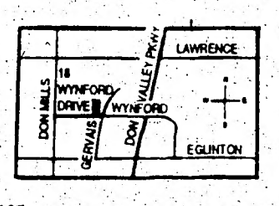

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Arts

Judaica collection on display

By GERRY MORRIS

NEW YORK — Highlights from the vast Judaica collection of Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York is now on view to the public for the first time, in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the historic congregation.

The temple's collection of several hundred pieces includes liturgical objects and everyday artifacts from Jewish cultures the world over. "Many synagogues and Jewish museums have Judaica collections. Congregation Emanu-El's Temple Treasury is special because it contains some rare and outstanding objects of museum quality," curator Cissy Grossman stated.

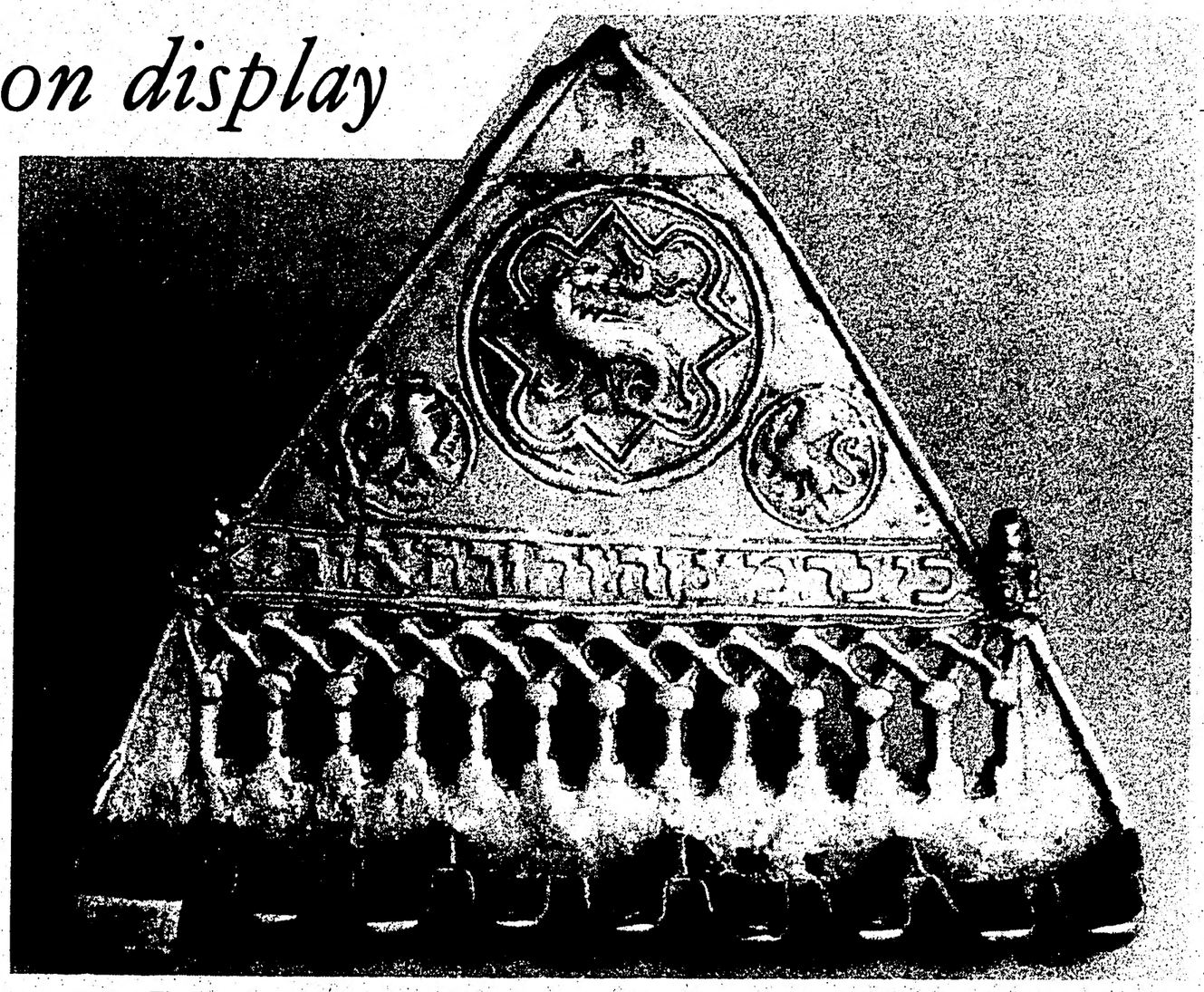
Among the important objects are two silver hanging Sabbath lamps from the early 1700s that are unique. One was crafted in Venice; the other was made in a silver workshop in Frankfurt. Also on display is a bronze Chanukah lamp dating back to the 14th century, believed to be the oldest-known Ashkenazi lamp in existence. One of the most fascinating objects is a magnificent sterling silver vase with Biblical images and Hebrew texts. This was commisisoned by the Board of Trustees from Tiffany & Company in 1888 to honor philanthropist Lewis May, the congregation's president for 32 years. The building engraved on the front of the vase is Temple Emanu-El at Fifth Avenue and 43rd Street, the congregation's home from 1868 to 1927.

The exhibition also features numerous objects purchased or commisisoned for earlier temple buildings in Emanu-El's 150-year history. In 1891 Lyman G. Bloomingdale, a member of another historic New York family, donated three magnificent Torah crowns to Temple Beth-El, which subsequently merged in 1927 with Congregation Emanu-El.

The Judaic Treasury consists of two large cases, one highlighting objects used in the synagogue and the other highlighting objects used in the home. Seventy-six objects are on display.

The exhibition runs through Nov. 21, and viewing hours are: Sunday through Thursday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Saturday from noon-5 p.m.

The temple, located at 1 East 65th Street at Fifth Avenue, has occupied its present landmark Romanesque limestone structure since 1929.



This is believed to be the oldest-known Ashkenazic bronze Chanukah lamp in existence.

Cultural encounters key to Potok novels

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — When Chaim Potok was 16, he went to the library and took out his first novel, *Brideshead Revisited* by Evelyn Waugh, a story about an upper class British Catholic family. For an Orthodox yeshiva student it was a profound experience.

"I'm a Jewish boy in New York city and I'm crossing oceans and cities with this thing called the novel that is enabling me to enter worlds I know nothing about," the author remembered. "That was the beginning of it for me, the strange commitment to write stories."

Potok, an ordained rabbi, philosophy professor and author of eight novels, was a guest speaker at Arts Alive, the Ottawa Jewish Community Centre's literary festival celebrating Jewish Book Month.

He talked about the tension that results when someone raised in one culture encounters another value system, a theme that has fascinated him since he began to read and write fiction.

All Potok's books explore this conflict. In *The Chosen*, the main character, Danny Saunders, leaves his chassidic family to study Freud at a secular university. The title character in *My Name Is Asher Lev* is an orthodox Jew deeply committed to his religion, but to the horror of his family, is attracted to the secular world of art. His most recent book, *I Am the Clay*, is not about Jewish people but tackles the same theme as his other works.

Of all his characters, Asher Lev is the one Potok feels closest to. They both share the same dilemma of how to reconcile a deep religious faith with a love of secular art. In Potok's case it was literature.

For the first time in history, said Potok, Jews are not only participating in the general culture, but people like Marx, Freud and Einstein have had a hand in shaping it.

"That's why Asher Lev can enter art because for the first time in history it isn't Christian. It's secular."

WJT artistic director steps down

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Seven years ago, Bev Aronovitch had a dream. The former teacher wanted to bring professional Jewish theatre to Winnipeg.

Now with the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre (WJT) firmly established in the front ranks of the city's thriving theatre scene, its founding artistic director is stepping down at the end of the year.

"The success of our theatre has been due in large measure to Beverley's stewardship," said WJT president Laurie Mainster. "It was her creative capability, dedication and inspiration which contributed so much in the theatre's evolution from a semi-professional company to the professional theatre it is today, featuring well-known Canadian and American actors and directors and an outstanding playbill."

Aronovitch's last production will be the season opener *Chutzpah-a-go-go*, the long-running Leah Posluns Theatre production co-written by Randy Vancourt and former Winnipegger David Gale. The musical pokes fun at the Jewish immigrant experience on the Prairies, and will run Dec. 9 to 19.

Succeeding Aronovitch as WJT artistic director will be Winnipeg actress, director and teacher Kayla Gordon. No stranger to the WJT, Gordon has served on its board of directors, co-ordinated its Theatre for Young People and was assistant director of the last year's *Shmulnik's Waltz*. She has also served as assistant director for Manitoba Theatre Centre and Prairie Theatre Exchange productions.

Gordon's first production for the WJT will be *The Diary of Anne Frank*, running April 16 to May 1. She and the theatre will be able to count on Aronovitch as an advisor.

Holocaust tale told on TV

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Several thousand Jewish children in Belgium were hidden during the Nazi occupation. Therese Cukier was one of them.

If not for the Belgian underground, she would have perished like her father, whom she adored. He was her "day and my night."

Cukier's son, Marc, a filmmaker, has produced a short documentary about his mother's travails. *Children of the Shadows* will be broadcast on TVOntario on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 8:30 p.m. In Montreal, it can be seen on Cable 35.

For years after her ordeal, Cukier pushed back the bitter memories. She simply didn't want to remember what had happened. But in 1988, after she saw her photograph as a 15-year-old on the cover of a Belgian magazine accompanying a story entitled Les Enfants de L'Ombre (Children of the Shadows), she began speaking about her past to her son.

During the war, Cukier was hidden by a family in an attic, then in a bleak convent and finally in a village with a hotel keeper.

As Cukier tells her story, she sits by a small table with a lamp on it. Dramatized segments of her years in hiding lend some poignancy to her account. Sombre violin and piano music accompany her words. The film is in black and white .

Cukier is usually in control of her emotions. But when she speaks about some of her experiences and recalls the fate of her father, she can barely control herself.

It's clear that the war changed her, turned her into a loner who doesn't trust people and takes nothing at face value.

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Arts

Israeli black comedy Shuroo gets more kovod than it merits

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Savi Gabizon's black comedy, *Shuroo*, which was scheduled to be screened at the Israeli Film Festival in Toronto, is a rarity in Israeli terms.

It shies away from the standard though commendable fare of Israeli cinema: the Arab-Israeli conflict and its after effects, the Holocaust and the absorption of new immigrants into Israeli society.

Instead, this modest film deals with something much smaller.

Shuroo turns on Asher (Moshe Ivgi), a minor Tel Aviv hustler who gathers around him a group of lost souls who fervently believe in his mystical powers.

Of course, he is a charlatan, a blowhard who's chronically short of money. He can't pay his bar bill or his taxi fare.

Looking for a way out of his troubles, he writes a trendy self-help book which lands him an appearance on a popular TV talk show.

Soon enough, he recruits a batch of starry-eyed acolytes, who fall for his "self-fulfillment" philosophy.

As P.T. Barnum once quipped, a sucker is born every minute. And in Tel Aviv, this maxim also holds true.

Shuroo, I think, could have been a vastly entertaining film about the nature of human foibles. But, lamentably, it isn't.

Plainly speaking, it is boring, rambling and pretentious. The characters do not engage a viewer's interest; they are hopelessly wooden.

Even Asher, who bears a passing resemblance to Woody Allen, comes across as something of a disembodied figure. As for the rest of the cast, they are eminently foprgettable.

The chief problem is the script, which should have been tightly written. It wanders off in all directions. It lacks real focus. We lose interest in the plot.

Surprisingly, *Shuroo* won several awards at the newly-formed Israeli Academy of Film, and was Israel's entry for best foreign film at the Oscar ceremonies in Los Angeles.

For the life of me, I do not understand why it was so acclaimed.

The truth is that it does not deserve such recognition.

Shuroo is a dud.

Film generates genuine Yiddishkeit

Laura Adler's Last Love Affair is an interesting character study of a Yiddish actress in Israel whose routine is thrown into turmoil by a series of random events.

Scheduled to be screened at the Israeli Film Festival in Toronto, *Laura Adler's Last Love Affair* unfolds on stage, off stage and around the stage of a Tel Aviv Yiddish theatre.

Laura Adler (Rita Zohar) is fiftyish and somewhat attractive, a spinster who lives with her companion, personal seceretary, dialogue coach and dresser, Becky (Shulamit Adar).

Becky is so possessive of Laura that one might think that they are lesbians. In fact, they are heterosexual. Since neither woman is "in the market" for a husband anymore, they cling to each other.

Becky is alarmed when Savitch (Menashe Yarshavski), a recently widowed actor, asks Laura to marry him. He doesn't demand an immediate answer, but hopes she'll give him a reply on her forthcoming birthday.

Laura, however, is not particularly attracted to the earnest and stodgy Savitch. Indeed, during her birthday party in a bar near Haifa, she ignores Savitch's deadline and becomes enmeshed in a conversation with a total stranger, a younger man who has mysteriously caught her eye. On camera, he does not speak. It doesn't matter. Theirs is not an intellectual relationship.

Inevitably, she has a brief, passionate affair with this lothario, and it's consummated at the Tel Aviv Hilton. Call it a fling, a one-night stand.

As if she doesn't have enough on her plate, Laura is wooed by an American producer to appear in a film she plans to adapt from an Isaac Bashevis Singer novel. Joan (Sally-Ann Friedland) is convinced that Laura is a great actress. Laura is skeptical about the project, but she takes it under serious consideration.

Avram Heffner's 96-minute film moves skillfully between these variegated episodes in Laura's life. As they unfold, we're treated to lively footage of Tel Aviv, especially the colorful Carmel Market, and of Jerusalem.

About half the movie is in Yiddish, a language struggling to survive in Israel. The actors, whose performances are all credible, move effortlessly between Hebrew, Yiddish and a smattering of English.

Its one drawback is pacing. The film tends to be ponderous and laidback. The resultant absence of tension is evident, even after Laura learns she has terminal cancer.

Nevertheless, *Laura Adler's Last Love Affair* resonates with a certain poignancy. A viewer will doubtless be touched by Laura's tender friendship with Becky and by her desperate liaison with the younger, silent man.

Finally, aficionados of Yiddish and East European culture will be delighted by the Yiddishkeit this film generates. It's genuine and it rings a bell of true recognition. — S.K.

Disabled actress transcends disease

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —As the lead in *Little Miss Easter Seals* Kyra Levy, 20, plays the part of a 15-year-old girl crippled with polio fighting to break away from an overbearing mother.

Little Miss Easter Seals opened Oct. 28 at Tarragon Extra Space and runs to Nov. 14.

Levy has a disability of her own, a neurological degenerative disease which affects her nerves and muscles. Though she is happy to have this role, her first lead, she is hoping it will lead to non-disabled roles.

Up to now, Levy, in her final year of the Radio and Television Arts program at Ryerson University, has played parts in wheel chairs on the TV programs *DeGrassi Street* and *Secret Identity*.

Little Miss Easter Seals was written by Lina Chartrand and is based on her own experiences as the Easter Seals poster girl who travelled with Whipper Billy Watson. The action takes place on an overnight train journey to Toronto with three characters, Monique, the polio patient, her mother, and her cousin, the reigning Miss Timmins Winter Carnival Queen who has mistaken ideas about the supposedly glamorous life of Monique.

It has been aired on CBC radio in English and staged in a French version by Theatre Francais de Toronto. Levy did not appear in either of these.

The daughter of Marleen and Harold Levy, Kyra has two sisters, Hyla and Bianca.

She did have one non-disabled role in the outdoor play *Coming* at Harborfront this summer in which she danced and ran. This gave her confidence to try again for non-disabled roles in plays and on TV.

"There is still a lot of discrimination out there when it comes to people with any disability, but I'm determined we'll see the day when a disabled person has a role that has nothing to do with the disability," Levy said.

Though she sometimes requires leg braces when walking outside the house, Levy is able to drive a car without hand controls.

"I do a lot of running around at home, and I fall a lot, but that's okay," she said.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Culture of Complaint, by Robert Hughes (Oxford University Press, $27.95).

This slender volume has created something of a minor furore in the United States. Subtitled *The Fraying of America* it has led to vehement argument and controversy.

The author, art critic for *Time*, and well-known for his earlier books, *The Shock of the New*, *The Fatal Shore* and *Barcelona*, is concerned with the rapid decay of the vaunted American way of life. With blistering wit and unerring effectiveness he deplores and satirizes — among other things — the proponents of political correcteness, the effrontery of Afrocentrism, the irresponsibility of the academic left, the multiple evils of television, the failure of mass education, the fakery of much of modern art and artists and the deterioration of the infrastructure of American cities.

In response to those who would replace most of the books now being taught in the university curriculum (the Canon) with those deemed more acceptable by minority groups, he writes. "Reading is expansive, not exclusive. If Caribbean, African, Arab and Indian writers get more attention today, if the Booker prize is won by Ben Okri from Nigeria or Peter Carey from Sydney, if readers approach the work of women and blacks without prejudice our shared culture grows and rejoices . . . But how could this conceivably be a reason for not reading Eugene Onegin or Pope's Epistle to Lord Burlington?"

He takes to task Afro-American extremists, who in their quest for self-esteem, warp and distort history. It isn't true, he asserts, that European culture derives from black Egypt, or that Africa is the true source of

Unfortunately, this kind of pseudo-history often becomes entwined with anti-Semitism. "It seems barely credible that American Jews, who were at the forefront of the struggle for civil rights for African-Americans in the 1960s should now be the targets of anti-Semitic attacks by a new generation of blacks, gulled by teachers like Leonard Jefferies. Thanks to the rise of Afrocentrist pseudo-scholarship, blacks are the only Americans among whom anti-Semitism, slowly waning elsewhere, is actually on the rise."

Bigots like Louis Farrakhan, in league with discredited academics, have fashioned theories which seek to disclose the "inordinate" role played by Jews in creating "slavery and the black holocaust." This fiction is intended to hide the historical truth that the African slave trade was a Muslim invention, developed by Arab traders with the collaboration of black Africans. This tragic practice was institutionalized centuries before the white man arrived on African soil and continued long after the slave market in North America was ended.

A strong advocate of multiculturalism, the author reminds such political reactionaries as Pat Buchanan, Jesse Helms and Pat Robertson that, in society as in farming monoculture works poorly. It exhausts the soil. "The social richness of America comes from the diversity of its tribes and from the willingness of those tribes not to elevate their cultural differences at the expense of their Americanness."

The major fault with this feisty treatise — originally a series of lectures — is its scattershot approach to issues. It rarely penetrates beneath the surface and there is little background material provided for the serious issues discussed.

All in all, however, *Culture of Complaint* is an often brilliant — if sometimes shallow — account of the growth of political correctness in society and a needed exposition of its major shortcomings and dangers.

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Family bar mitzvah tour commemorates milestone

By JUDY SAUL

Thinking of next summer's vacation? "You must be kidding," I hear you say. "We haven't unpacked the bags from this past summer's yet!"

Parents know that having children forces you to plan ahead, whether it is for camp or family vacation. And if one of your children will be celebrating a bar or bat mitzvah in 1994, try a family bar/bat mitzvah tour to Israel.

Travel agencies and synagogues have been offering these tours for the past several years. You can book for a summer trip, or during the winter or March breaks. It is a meaningful way to commemorate an important milestone and also demonstrate your support for Israel. This trip can be only one aspect of your simcha or the whole celebration, depending on how much family you have in Israel.

Having gone this past summer on such a tour with my own family, I can offer some tips on deciding which trip is best suited for you.

First decide in which month you'd like to travel. Some people are more flexible in the summer but if your children are going to camp this will limit your choices.

Next, gather brochures to compare prices and itineraries. Options like sightseeing, number of tour days vs. number of days at leisure and food (i.e., Shabbat dinners, bar/bat mitzvah party, group socials) can vary. Some tours offer off the beaten path experiences like going on an archaeological dig or kayaking down the Jordan River.

If you've never been to Israel, I recommend asking someone who has to help you decipher the numerous choices available. There's so much to see in this tiny, beautiful country that most tour operators try and pack in as much as possible within a two-week period.

Word of mouth plays an important role in the travel industry. Speaking to friends or relatives who have been on different tours is very helpful. However, you are only receiving their personal opinions and unless you know them well, be prepared to sift through their prejudices to get to the facts.

Group travel is the best option for first-time travellers. There is no other way you could get around the country on your own, spending the same time and money and in the same luxury. Other advantages we found as a family were the social benefit of being with other families, and not having to worry about where you can or cannot go, since those decisions are made for you. For those of you concerned about safety, it is a known but rarely discussed fact that the tour guide is armed, just in case.

Daniel Saul (left) is pictured here with his father at Masada.

As for the disadvantages, I could think of only one: being on a tight schedule on touring days. When you travel in a group, you do not have the same freedom as when travelling on your own. Time is what it is all about. Let me show you what I mean.

You must be on the bus by a certain time; you can only spend a certain amount of time at each sightseeing stop; and you have an allotted time to eat lunch (other meals are on your own). If you are aware of these restrictions ahead of time, you'll adjust instead of complain.

Let's face it, family trips don't last forever. But if you and your children are still young enough to be able to travel together, do it now! Before it's too late.

Tourism ministers' meeting

The Director General of the Israel Ministry of Tourism, an counterpart, Sayed Moussa, met in Eilat on October 18th for their first working meeting since the ministers' talks last month.

The Egyptian director general voiced his hopes that the area's development will progress side by side with the advancement of the peace process in the region. He expressed the hope that cooperation between the two countries will develop and that Jordan will also soon be a partner. In addition, he conveyed the greetings of the new Egyptian Tourism Minister, Mamdouh El Biltagy.

The Director General of Eilat Municipality presented a survey on the development of the city, and Gonen presented a proposal for cooperation in the region — the development of a "riviera" between Eilat and Taba, with the inclusion of Aqaba later. He also suggested that an additional border checkpoint be opened between Israel and Egypt in order to facilitate the movement of tourists.

The Egyptians responded favorably to the two proposals, and suggested that an indepth evaluation be made of these proposals, taking into consideration the conservation of the environment.

Both parties agreed to form a mixed commission of six people — three from each country — to consider the proposals and to present its conclusion by May 1994.

A meeting of the region's ministers of tourism, to conclude the formation of an Eastern Mediterranean Tourism Association, was also discussed. It was agreed to hold this meeting in London in November during the World Tourism Market. The ministers of tourism of Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Greece and Cyprus are scheduled to attend this meeting, to sign the charter of the new association.

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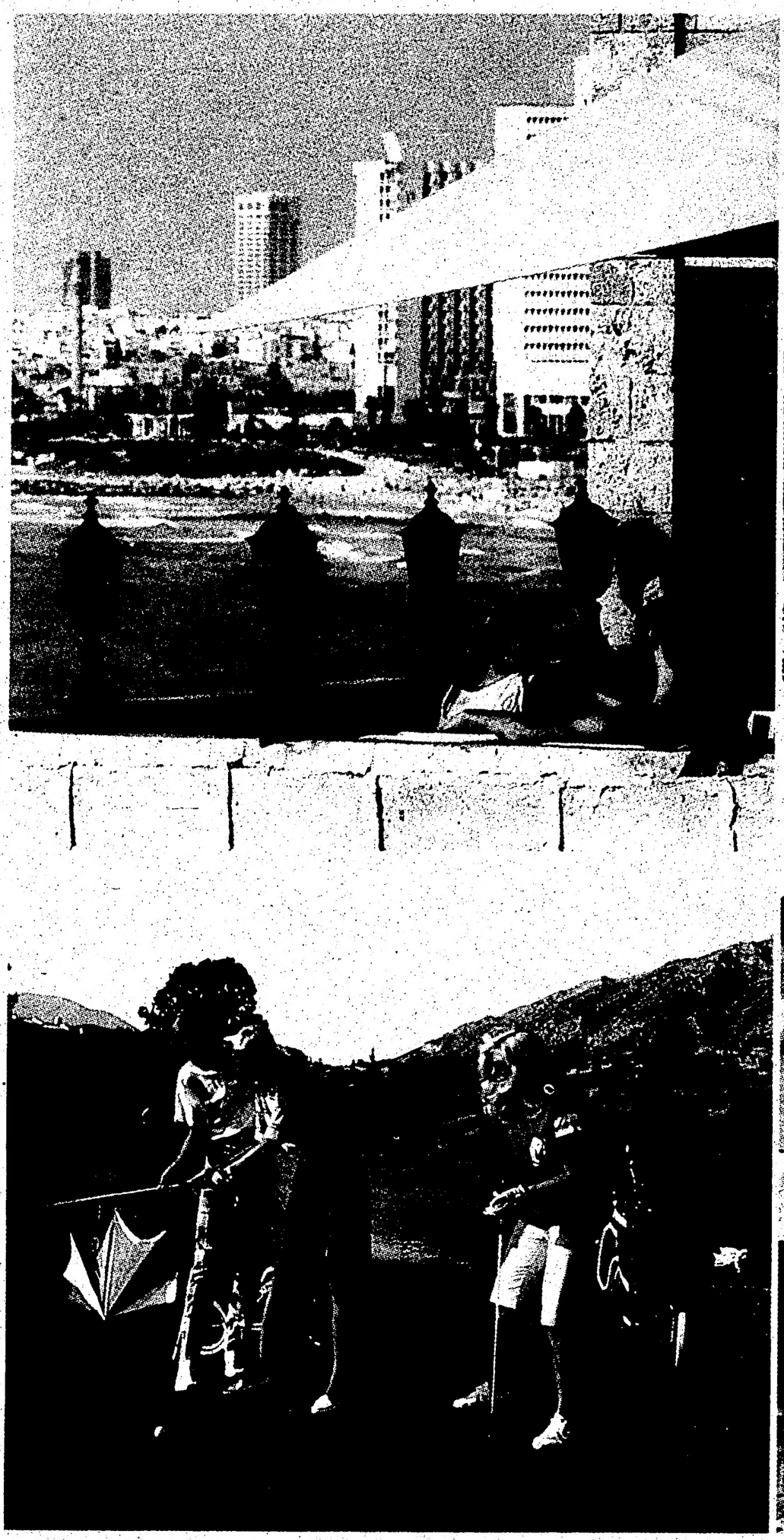

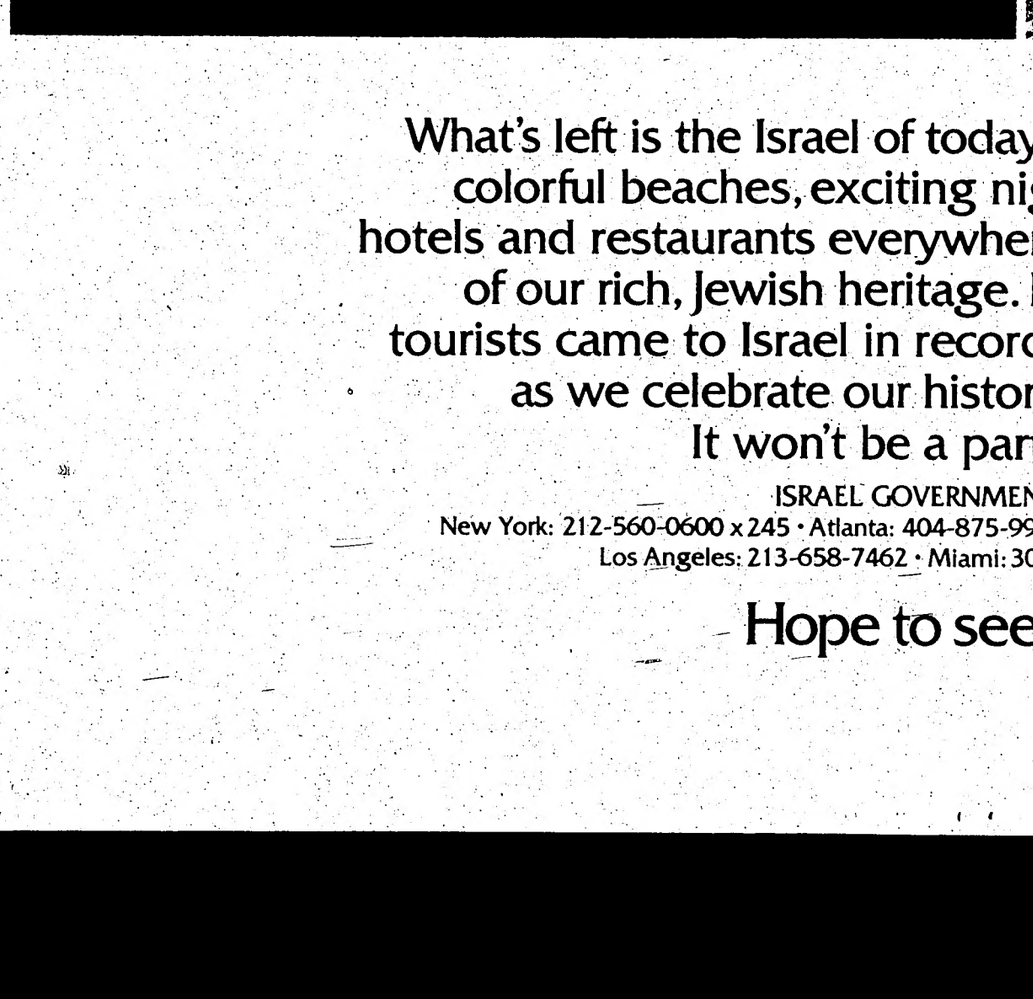

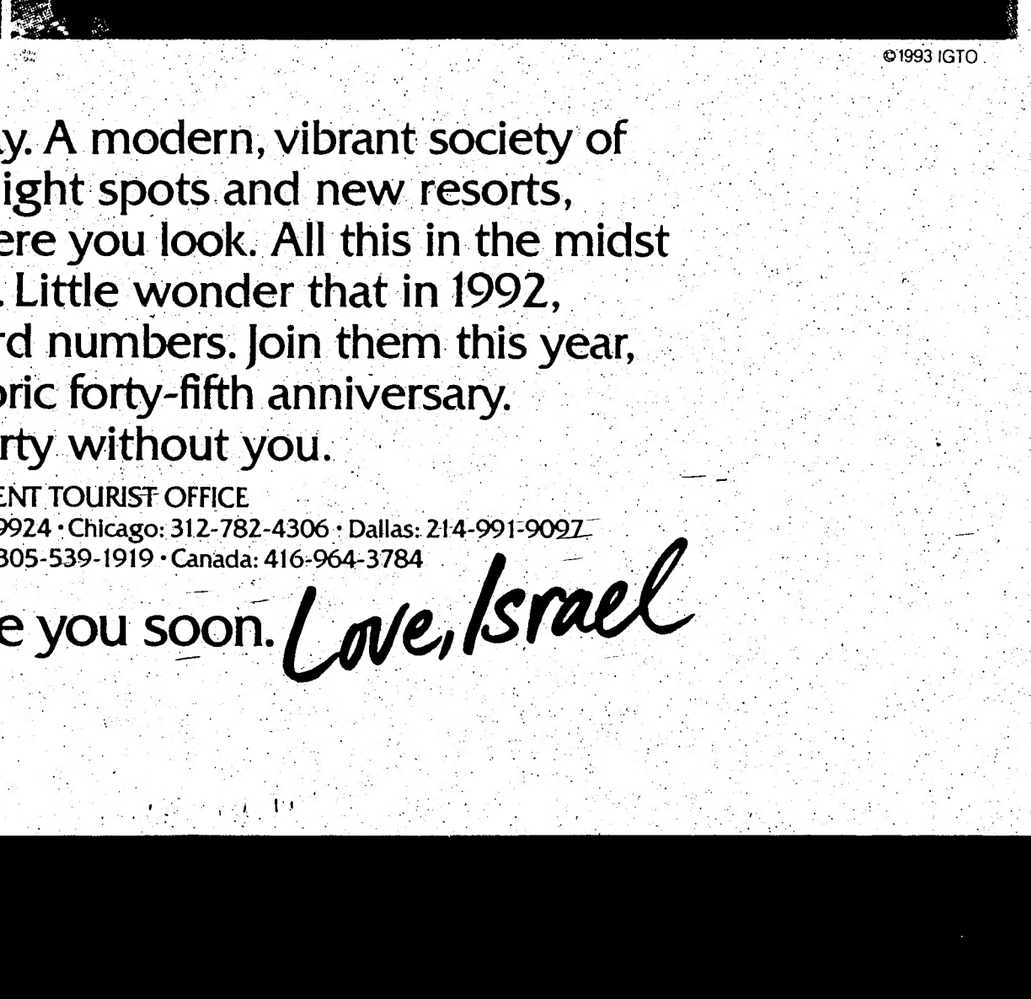

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Desert offers visitors a unique tour

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This desert area sprawls over the southern part of Israel, from Beersheva to the Gulf of Eilat. The triangular expanse of land, roughly 12,000 square kilometres, comprises over half of the State of Israel.

Still virtually unknown to most travellers to Israel, the Negev offers hidden wadis and canyons, clear blue skies and stark mountains. In the past few years, its tourism potential has been recognized. Weather is good all year round, and the largest urban city in the Negev, Beersheva, is a 90-minute drive from Jerusalem.

The ancient cave-dwelling sites in Soussia, located northeast of Beersheva, are a must-see. The site was abandoned a thousand years ago but remains intact. Visitors walking down the main street can turn into any courtyard to see the caves. The marketplace, various workshops, wine and olive oil presses are also well preserved. For the more adventurous, a night's stay can be booked into a cave hotel.

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Safari nature touring is also unique. Indigenous animals now threatened with extinction can be found in Hai Bar Safari Nature Reserve. Touring the Hai Bar reserve, which is on the road to Eilat, is possible by vehicle only. Guided tours in buses or cars are arranged from the nearby Yotvata Visitors' Centre.

In the eastern Negev, just a 30-minute car ride from Beersheba, the Mamshit Camel Ranch offers hospitality, traditional meals and overnight lodgings in a genuine goat-hair Bedouin tent. Treks through the Negev riding specially trained and groomed camels is a special way to experience the Negev. For those who prefer a more conventional means of transport, four-wheel vehicles are available. Cliff-climbing, rapel and hiking can also be combined in the tours, which are tailor-made to the visitor's personal taste.

The Negev is an experience that cannot be missed by the traveller to Israel. Touring facilities and services have been developed, ancient sites have been restored, natural treasures are being preserved, and hiking trails have been marked. It is a land waiting to be discovered.

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Negev offers remote oasis and spectacular canyons

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

BEERSHEVA — When foreign travellers venture into the Negev and its southerly extension, the Arava, they invariably visit Masada, Ein Gedi, the Dead Sea thermal spas and, of course, Eilat.

But to the cognoscenti, there's much more to the Negev than these otherwise worthy destinations.

Recently, in the company of my peripatetic brother-in-law, Avinoam Tomer of Beersheva, I visited a remote oasis, spectacular canyons, a fantastic roofless cave and an amazing wadi. Some of these places are not even in the standard guidebooks.

The oasis, Ein Akrabim, is in the Wilderness of Zin, some 200 kilometres north of Eilat. Take the road toward Eilat, make a right turn just before Hatzeva and drive in the direction of Oron, a phosphate production centre.

The high desert landscape around here is lunar. Tan, arid mountains rise and fall into hidden wadis, or dry river beds. A few scraggly tamarisk trees dot the bare ground. Black birds hover motionless against a clear blue sky.

Avinoam, an old Negev hand, drives down a primitive dirt track, leaving clouds of dust in his wake. Then, suddenly, he stops. We walk to an observation point 200 or 300 metres above sea level. Below is a dense tamarisk forest, a dab of pale green, hemmed in by plunging cliffs.

We walk into the valley, thick with bushes and reeds. In the distance are lush groves of palm trees.

Sheldon Kirshner (foreground) and Avinoam Tomer in the oasis of Ein Akrabim.

There is obviously water in the vicinity. Within minutes, we find the source, a gentle stream flowing into a clear limestone pool. Two girls, part of a school group, are happily splashing around. I remove my socks and sneakers and dip my feet in. It's refreshingly cool.

It's time to leave, unfortunately. I could linger on for hours, but we have a full day ahead of us. We head toward Mt. Zin, whose flat top is visible from Ein Akrabim. We pass huge trucks with gigantic wheels carrying raw phosphate to be processed in a nearby plant.

Avinoam and I reach a plain lying in the shadow of the impressive peak. It is filled with thousands of boulders in the shape of melons. This is a rare work of nature. In the stillness of a waning afternoon, we gaze upon it in sheer admiration.

Avinoam drives to Ein Avdat via the old, narrow road to Eilat. It has a bleak history. In 1953, terrorists attacked a bus along here and killed some of the passengers.

But such morose thoughts vanish immediately as Ein Avdat comes into view. We descend into a chalk white canyon. A lazy stream leads to a magnificent deep pool fed by a modest waterfall. I look up and see massive caves carved out of the mountain.

We ascend a path to yet more streams and pools. Who could have known?

Next, we visit Sde Boker, where we pay our respects at the simple tombs of David Ben-Gurion and his wife, Paula. Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, dreamed of taming the Negev. But his vision remains unfulfilled.

The Ben-Gurions rest in an attractive, Japanese-style rock garden landscaped with graceful cypresses and gnarled olive trees. There is an observatory there, with a breathtaking panoramic view of the furrowed, undulating Wilderness of Zin.

On another day, we drive along the shore of the Dead Sea, with its bizarre salt formations. From my vantage point, they look like gobs of ice and snow.

Around the biblical locale of Sodom, we reach the Chimney, a series of caves without roofs. They are simply ethereal.

After driving up a rutted road from the Dead Sea Works, we come to a stony plain. It leads us to a relatively shallow wadi. The white striated cliffs, a sight to behold, crumble at the touch. We enter the inky cavity known as the Flour Cave, but turn back because we have no flashlight.

Past the bland, neglected development town of Yehroham, we negotiate a twisting road hugging the awesome Mahtesh Hagadol, Israel's version of the Grand Canyon. We pass Bedouin encampments and army firing ranges before we arrive at our destination — startling, serrated rock formations in shades of rust, purple, yellow and white. The sedementary rock is honey-combed with cavities. I run my fingers through extremely fine yellowish sand.

It has been years since Avinoam has been here, and he thanks me for having brought him back to this marvellous spot once again. But the truth of the matter is that *I* am indebted to Avinoam. He has shown me wonders of nature, some of which I never even knew existed in Israel.

Local companies arrange incentive tours to Israel

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

When it come to incentive travel for companies, one of the best destinations to consider is Israel.

It has been said that there is no better way to reward and motivate staff and dealers than to take them to the heart of ancient and modern civilizations.

Israel has all the luxury you could want with many unexpected bonuses. An incentive group could relax under the Mediterranean sun, experience a desert jeep safari or journey 2,000 years into the past.

The Israel Government Tourist Office (IGTO) in Toronto reports an increase in queries from companies who are looking to send their incentive groups to Israel. "People are looking for more than merely fun. They are searching for an experience that will remain with them for a lifetime," says Ruth Ben-Tzur, director of the IGTO.

In the summer of 1995, the 600 members of Global Upholstery Manufacturing, a Toronto firm, will be taking advantage of all that Israel has to offer during their 11-day trip.

Owners Saul and Tobi Feldberg, who had to divert their incentive tour from Israel to Hawaii in 1991 because of the Gulf War, have planned a busy tour. Already they have hotels and tour operaters arranged. The itinerary will include treks to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem where, Tobi Feldberg says, participants will "see all the normal tourist sites."

Out of the 600 people who will join the incentive tour, 95 percent are non-Jewish. "Israel is not just a Jewish experience but a religious experience for everybody," she says, adding that the trip will be a great opportunity for many of the members who have wanted to visit Israel but did not want to go alone.

The Feldbergs report that when they were in Israel in June, the overall mood in the manufacturing industry was one of growth. The talk is of building and there is a general enthusiastic atmosphere, says Feldberg. She called the peace plan "a real shot in the arm."

Harry Shelson, senior vice-president with Atlantic Packaging Products Ltd., calls their planned trip to Israel a "fantastic sales incentive." He adds that he is confident the company's managers and sales employees will work hard to make sure they qualify for the trip.

Slated for October or November of 1994, Shelson says their seven-day tour will cover a lot of ground in Jerusalem and the Jewish quarter.

"What we'll cover in a week, the average person does in two," he says, adding that the busy itinerary will include many company meetings and dinners.

What an incentive! Shelson says that those who qualify for the tour must excel in areas such as budgeting, collection of accounts, and of course, sales.

Those companies planning an incentive tour should be aware of the many pluses that Israel offers including first class accommodations. A group can experience Roman-style theme parties in Caesarea or Hamat Gader, cocktails within the Old City walls at David's Citadel or enjoy an evening of unique Bedouin desert hospitality.

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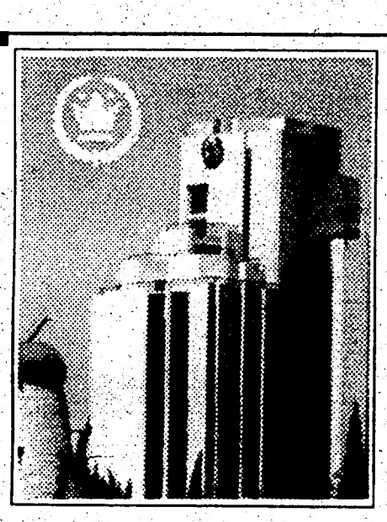

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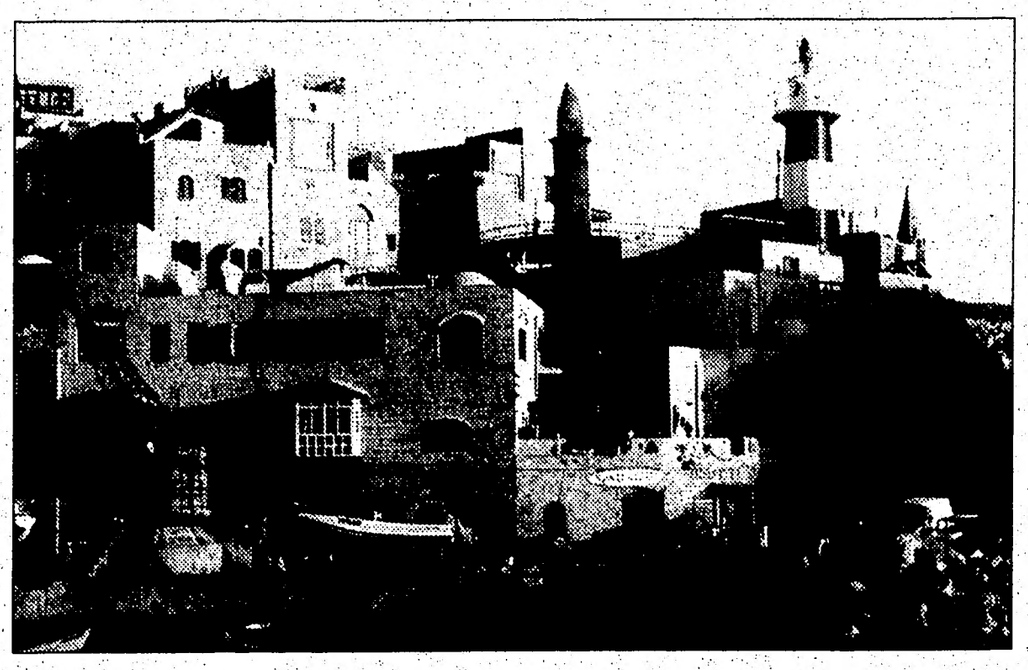

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Israel Travel

Visitor: "cautious euphoria" over reality of peace pact

By SMADAR PERETZ

We planned this holiday for nearly a year. Finally, I am back in Israel with my Canadian husband and his two sons, aged 8 and 9, for a summer holiday. While mostly visiting my family and enjoying lazy hours at the beautiful Mediterranean beaches, we do not forget our obligations as tourists.

We go camping in a pretty northern park and go rafting on the Jordan River. We drive the winding roads of the Golan Heights, sample honey sweet pastries at local Druze villages and check out old Crusaders forts. We swim in the Sea of Galilee, and float blissfully in the Dead Sea. In no time the boys figure out the exact location, variety and prices of the freshly baked breads in our neighborhood. They quickly engage in serious 'pita bread gastronomy' discussions with their local cousins.

We drive our small air conditioned car up to Jerusalem. The boys reminisce in the back seat and I realize how much they remember from their first visit, three years ago, when they came with us to celebrate our wedding.

We go straight to the impressive new building of the Israeli Supreme Court. Walking down the magnificent outdoor passageway to the Knesset (parliament) building, my heart bursts with pride. I feel the profound emotional toll of living so far away.

We drive around the Old City and count the seven gates. It's hot and sunny, but the boys are relentless — which gate will the Messiah come through, when will he come, will he really ride a white donkey? Then they insist we go and stuff our hopeful notes between the stones of the Western Wall. I am terribly curious to know what they wrote. I don't dare ask.

The next day we climb the Roman ramp to the top of Masada. Together we explore the remains of King Herod's elaborate baths, storage rooms and hidden cisterns. We stand on the grand balcony of Herod's Northern Palace and observe the Roman army camp sites below. The boys ask the inevitable questions: why did the Jews choose to die, how could they kill their children, who survived and how, is it a true story? Answers are hard to come by.

Starry cloudless skies

Night falls on Masada. A full moon rises in a starry cloudless sky, a perfect setting for the audio-visual show. Creative lighting and dramatic narration bring life to the dark mountain. We hear the extraordinary story of Masada's Jewish zealots, their lengthy resistance against the mighty Roman army and their heroic death some 1,900 years ago.

In two days we will go back to Toronto. It's a warm Saturday evening in Tel Aviv. Occasionally, a light Mediterranean breeze comes up the street leading from our beach-side apartment to the municipal square. We walk with family and friends to an outdoor rally in support of the Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement. The young ones bubble over with excitement and questions. After all, it's their very first peace rally.

Crowds of people fill the brightly-lit square. Flags and peace banners decorate the centre stage. Teenagers hand out stickers and sell T-shirts and postcards.

Friends I have not seen in years come up and hug me. We share a sense of cautious euphoria while struggling to grasp the new reality. We did not come to protest against the government and criticize its policies as we have in the past. Veteran peace activists and self-proclaimed 'doves,' we come tonight to show our support of the Israeli Government peace initiative.

The speeches begin. I translate key phrases for my husband and the boys. Soon it gets too crowded and they walk to a nearby cafe overlooking the square. I stay in the square with my sister and a few friends. The politicians and the poets finish their inspiring speeches. A female singer comes up to sing *The Peace Song*, the almost official anthem of the Isreali peace movement. I remember standing here many times before singing the hopeful words depicting a peaceful future.

The singer starts and we join in singing: "and in many city squares a cheer for peace will sound." Tonight that hopeful, distant future seems a bit closer. I look around and see mostly young people singing a song written before they were born. Tears choke my throat and fog up my glasses. My sister squeezes my arm, we look at each other. I think of her oldest son who will join the army next year. She sings on. The crowd in the square sings loud and clear. I try to rejoin but my voice is still. I stand there with a silent prayer in my heart.

Smader Peretz is an Israeli woman now living in Toronto.

Charity bicycle ride

Thinking of where to ride next? Do you want your trip to be challenging and different? Then why not join the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University's Mission With A Difference and cycle through Israel, a land rich in history and magnificent scenery.

Mission With A Difference is a charity bike ride through history set to take place from May 2 to 11, 1994. It's an exciting and unique way to experience Israel and help the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel's forecast institution of higher learning.

Mission With A Difference will take you from Israel's north to Jerusalem, the city of gold, the centre of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. You will ride a total of 206 miles (333 kilometres) through some of the most scenic areas of the country, stopping to visit ancient archaeological sites and more. Each day there will be a piece of history along the route, rest stops, nature reserves, national parks and picnic lunches. Each evening there will be a special program to learn more about Israel — its dynamic history, people, lifestyle and traditions.

"A trip like this will appeal to anyone of any age who can ride a bike," says Dr. Vic Moncarz, who with his wife Sharon joined a charity bike ride arranged by Britons. "All the participants enjoyed themselves and completed the ride at their own pace because it was not a race."

The routes runs from the Golan Heights through the Hula Valley to Kibbutz Ein Gev and the ruins of Beit She'an, a Roman and Byzantine city destroyed by an earthquake in 749 CE. From there you ride between the mountains of Gilead, the Jordan Valley and up to Jerusalem and its surrounding areas. Also on the route are visits to Neot Kedumim, the only biblical landscape reserve in the world, and a Crusader fortress near Rosh Ha'ayin. There will be one free day to rest, but for the extra-energetic, optional programs will be available too.

The bike ride will end at the Mount Scopus campus of the Hebrew University with a special reception.

With riding distances of approximately 40 miles each day, the itinerary has been designed to be manageable, pleasurable, satisfying and safe for riders of all levels, from novice to expert.

"The terrain is rolling and a good portion of the ride is flat. There will be a few hills but they are very manageable on bicycle," says Moncarz. "The route has been designed by an Israeli bicycle tour operator who understands the limitations some riders may have. We want the ride to be fun, not overwhelming."

Riders will be accompanied by an Israeli tour guide who is knowledgeable about cycling, bicycle repairs and the areas to be visited. There will be a support vehicle for riders and bicycles, skilled bicycle mechanics and police security. Riders will be required to wear helmets when riding.

Travel arrangements, accommodation and meals are included in the $2,500 (Cdn) price. Riders stay at kibbutz guest houses along the way. You may bring your own mountain bike or one will be provided for you in Israel at no extra charge.

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Galilee: Rich in heritage and natural beauty

In Israel's northeast lies a 360-square-mile section known since ancient times as the Galilee. An area rich in heritage and natural beauty, for centuries it has attracted Christians, Jews and anyone who appreciated a beautiful landscape.

"After thousands of years of 'local' tourism, the Galilee has decided to open up to world tourism" says Yaacov Dovev, marketing consultant for Go Galilee, a tourism marketing organization. For many years the Galilee did not promote itself aggressively to world tourism although the region has been a leading vacation spot primarily among Israelis and European travelers. The Sea of Galilee, the largest body of fresh water in Israel, provided the base for a thriving tourism industry, which is now reaching out to North American travelers.

When Go Galilee was established in 1989, there were approximately 250,000 room-nights spent in the Galilee, with visitors spending an average of 1.8 nights. In 1992 however, the Galilee had 1,250,000 room-nights booked with visitors who spent an average of three nights. An increased interest in the region on the part of Christian pilgrims as well as leisure vacationers has led to an expansion of the tourism infrastructure. Go Galilee marketers are convinced that a lengthier stay is now a prerequisite to get to know this region beter.

The Galilee area is divided into five geographical parts: Tiberias, Upper Galilee (including Safed), the Jordan Valley and the Sea of Galilee, Lower Galilee, and Jezreel and Bet Shean Valleys — and is now being marketed in five main niches: Nature sites, Jewish sites, Christian Sites, historic sites, and active holiday and spa vacations.

Indeed, there is much to see in each of these segments. Christians have followed in the footsteps of Jesus, from Nazareth to the various sites of his ministry where sermons or miracles were performed, including the Mt. of Beatitude, Tabgha and Mt. Tabor, while Jews have gone on pilgrimages to Safed, where the Kabbalah was born and which for several centuries was the centre for Jewish scholars before becoming an artists colony in later years.

The Galilee's rich history over centuries of foreign occupation is documented by the many historical and archaeological sites that can be found throughout the area. Crusader castles such as the Belvoir, which afford breathtaking views, and ancient mosaic paved floors are but a few of the remnants of powerful conquerors who once invaded this land.

Adventurous activities

But in addition to all the historical remains, the churches, the synagogues and the traditional visiting sites, the Galilee is also known for its varied physical beauty, rare plant species and a vast array of wildlife. Because this region was under water tens of thousands of years ago, colored sands and fossilized sea life can be found in many places.

In recent years, the Galilee has also learned to adapt itself to contemporary travelers. Those seeking the more action-oriented vacation can either rent bicycles, hike through creeks and canyons, visit a dude ranch and go horseback riding, ride donkeys in the tracks of their forefathers, ride jeeps or engage in any of the more adventurous activities such as rappeling, kayaking, white water rafting and skiing in winter time. There is also sky diving, parachuting and gliding.

To end an action filled day, nothing surpasses a visit to one of the area's spas, some of which date back to Roman times and are fed with underground thermal springs.

New activities appealing to a wide range of visitors are constantly being developed. With 5,000 rooms currently available for tourists ranging from deluxe rooms to the simpler bed and breakfast accommodations known in Israel as Zimmers, the Galilee is expecting a vast increase in foreign visitors.

"While we know that the year 2,000 will be particularly important for Christians and we are laying the foundation for a strong tourism infrastructure, particularly in major Christian pilgrimage places such as Nazareth," says Meir Shok, chairman of Go Galilee, "we expect that there will be many more visitors in years to come, particularly in 1996, when Jerusalem will be celebrating its 3,000th Anniversary.

"We are confident not only that visitors to Israel will include Galilee in their itinerary in the future, but that they will also increase to at least four nights their stay in the area," he adds.

Not to be missed when visiting the region is The Galilee Experience, a visitor's complex located on the waterfront in Tiberias. The main attraction there is a magnificent 27 multi-image presentation, running in several different languages, which gives the tourists a 36-minute overview of the region. By focusing on historical figures who lived in the area, the presentation tells of the glory of the Galilee and explains why, through all these centuries, it has had such a vast spiritual significance.

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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

The tiny Caribbean nation of Costa Rica has long been a friend to Israel and the Jewish people. Canadian Susan Oppenheim recently moved there with her family, and reports a very warm and pleasant reception from the local Jewish community.

"After a month of feeling very lost here, we were invited for a dinner, given the name of a real estate agent, and thanked for being able to attend," she writes in a recent letter.

"Everyone with any position came to meet us and tell us how happy they were that I could daven with my children there."

Jewish Canadians passing through the capital of San Jose should attempt to contact Congregacion B'nai Israel, Oppenheim suggests. Its address is Apdo. 2801, San Jose 1000, and its phone number is 28-1554.

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Sonia Einstoss of Toronto recently returned with her husband from their first trip to Paris. "We were told to expect rude and unkind Parisians, aloof waiters, and so on," she writes. "But after travelling everywhere in Paris, in the Metro and on foot, we found it a myth. The Parisians were helpful, kind and warm. We rarely had to ask anyone's assistance as they volunteered before we had a chance to do so."

Attending a service in the French capital's capacious Grand Synagogue saddened the Einstosses. There were only about 100 people present, and most were septuagenarians. "The synagogue was beautiful and the all-male choir was a pleasure, but where were the congregants?" she asks.

Likewise, traveller Victor Wise of Willowdale shares a recent travel experience: the discovery of a kosher restaurant in Bratislavia, Slovakia (formerly part of Czechoslovakia). The newly-opened Chez David, situated on Zamocka 13, is the only kosher eatery in town. Just steps from the Jewish Museum, it offers specialties like carp with nuts, "filled onions," cholent and "barches". (If anyone knows what this last item is, please advise.)

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Thanks to readers Oppenheim, Einstoss and Wise for sharing their worldly adventures and contributing to this, my first travel column. In the coming months, I hope to fill this space with informative (indeed, indispensible) chatter about relevant destinations as well as travel tips, issues, ideas and experiences, giving equal weight to both the world and to Israel.

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As the first flurries fly, many Canadians start plotting their escape. For many, Florida is still the destination of choice, despite increased reports of attacks on tourists. The recent spate of violence has given the Sunshine State a black eye. In a bid to recapture lost tourism revenue, it is responding with a publicized safety campaign.

"Please remember, regardless of where you travel, crime never takes a vacation," says a recent brochure from Miami containing important tourist safety information. Some safety tips:

- At the airport, avoid anyone who solicits you with allegedly low-cost transportation services.
- When driving, get clear directions before you start out. Keep doors locked and windows up at all times. If you become lost, go to the nearest public place to read your map or ask for directions.
- If your car is bumped from behind, or if someone signals that they need help, don't stop. Drive to the nearest well-lit public place and call police.
- Don't open your hotel door to a stranger. If someone claims to be a hotel employee, call the front desk for verification.
- At the pool, never leave purses, wallets or keys unattended or out of sight.

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Safety is always an issue when travelling. People become carefree on holidays and sometimes take risks unknowingly. Two years ago, on a busy sidewalk outside Grand Central Station, I accepted a cab driver's offer of a cab, not recognizing danger in the fact that the alleged cab was nowhere in sight. He grabbed my bags and led me around a corner, where he and an accomplice robbed me of $60 (do me a favor and don't tell my mother.)

Okay, where was I before that little flashback? Ah yes, Florida. Let's step back into the sunshine, shall we? Beverley Rosenbloom of the small Toronto publishing firm Designer Publishing has spent the last six months researching the *USA Factory Outlet Road Guide*, which her company has just published. The 152-page guide provides detailed maps and store listings for 78 factory outlet malls in 22 states, and covers the eastern seaboard extensively.

Snowbirds planning to drive to Florida may now design their itineraries around the locations of shopping malls. Rosenbloom's book is available for $12.95 from the Canadian Automobile Association at (905) 275-2501 and from the Canadian Snowbirds Association, 497-4970.

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"The new in-spot for Glatt Kosher family vacations" — at least according to this press release on my desk — is the New Crown Hotel and Beach Club in Miami Beach. This "elegant kosher family resort" recently reopened after a multi-million dollar renovation. Yet food prices seem very reasonable: the all-you-can-eat dinner buffet is only $12.95 per person.

Food is as much a proper subject of this column as travel safety and tips, hotels, airlines, and Jewish sites and destinations. Please write in and share your good travel experiences and your bad. This space belongs to you, the reader, as much as it does to anyone.

Torontonian enjoying new life in Curacao

By MARC HUBER

CURACAO — It's been over a decade since former Toronto native Steve Pancer has had to shovel snow.

In 1982, Pancer, 32, moved to Curacao, a Dutch dependency 42 miles north of Venezuela's coast. That year he had married a local woman, Debbie Powell, after they met at summer school in Toronto. It was practically love at first sight.

Now raising their three boys — Joshua, 8, Daryl, 6, and 4-year-old Aiden — and assorted pets in a spacious Mediterranean-inspired villa, the Pancers enjoys 80 degree weather every day. There are no weather reports in Curacao.

Pancer says what he misses most about Toronto are the delis, a natural sentiment for a relative of the famous delicatesssen family. "But I don't miss Toronto. It's too much of a rat race," says Pancer. He hasn't been back very often, but regularly stays in contact with family and friends.

In Curacao, Pancer runs C. O. Ackerman N.V., a textile store, with his father-in-law, Phil Powell. Pancer manages Ackerman's carpentry and drape divisions.

The company has a thriving retail operation in the central shopping district of Willemsted, Curacao's capital, and a wholesale operation serving the island's real estate developers. Ackerman has just completed projects at two of Curacao's leading hotels, the Sonesta and the Curacao Caribbean.

Even before Pancer's addition, the Powell family had a Toronto connection. Phil Powell came to Toronto after the war as an orphan sponsored by his uncle, Lipa Green, and Canadian Jewish Congress. He moved to Curacao in 1952. Pancer's brother-in-law, Irving Powell, expanded the family business by moving to Toronto to run Shades with Paul Hartman, who is married to Powell's sister Natalie. Since construction is booming in Curacao, business is much better at Ackerman's than at its Toronto counterpart.

"Living in a small Jewish community, I've become more conscious of my Jewish identity," says Pancer. His children go to religious school and the family regularly attends Shabbat services at Congregation Mikveh Israel-Emanuel, founded in 1654 and the oldest operating synagogue in the Western Hemisphere.

Despite having less than 400 members, Curacao's Jewish community casts a remarkable profile among the island's 170,000 people. Jewish merchants working with the Dutch West Indian Company first came to Curacao in 1634. At one point in the 18th century, Jews were the major ethnic group on the island, outnumbering even the Dutch.

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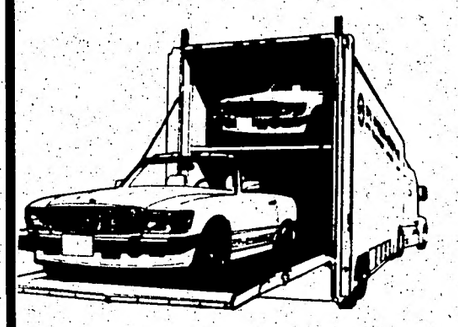
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Your Finances

By STUART HABER AND NEIL FEIGELSOHN

Recently, newspaper headlines screamed that the Ontario government was considering an estate tax of up to 30 percent and a "wealth tax" of an as yet undisclosed amount.

The headlines have subsided but the ideas behind them have not. Few doubt the Ontario government will be sorely tempered to concretize them at some point in the future.

While even considering these taxes is enough to make one shake with anger, it may not necessarily be reason enough to make one shake with fear, at least for those who already know how to deal with the current capital gains tax.

The capital gains tax is the most insidious in that it curtails the ability to pass on property from parent to child. In fact, the amount lost from the estate can be as much as 37 percent of the growth in value between the purchase price and the fair market value.

The government in essence has a first mortgage on every person's property or business interest of between 21 and 37 cents of every dollar of growth in excess of the purchase price. If one has a $5-million gain after exemptions have been considered, the government squeezes $1.9 million out of the estate. That means you pass on only $3.1 million. You can choose to pay the full amount, or significantly reduce it. How can the cost to the estate be minimized?

Some think that the capital gains burden can be paid by selling parts of the estate to pay off the tax liability. There are problems with this method. Firstly, why dispose of a valuable asset and use it to invest in the government tax plan? This method still requires up to 37 percent of the value of one or a number of properties.

Secondly, when the situation is forced, a "power-of-sale" mentality makes it unlikely for the true value of the property to be obtained in the marketplace. Competitors will take note of the weak position, and may exploit the opportunity to the family's harm or the competitive position of the business. Most people with a significant estate have worked hard to build it. They usually do not want it to be broken up with the best pieces removed.

Some may suggest that the children borrow to pay off the capital gains tax. Will the bank be willing to extend this credit to the second generation? And if it does, inheritors will be required to pay back every dollar borrowed plus interest. This method will require collateralizing part or most of the estate, charging the estate a dollar-for-dollar plus interest cost, and require additional time to manage and administer an increased debt burden.

Where assets are not easily made available for sale, for example in the case where a family business must remain intact so that children can continue to run it as a going concern, the use of cash on hand to pay the tax may be the only remedy.

The use of corporate cash to pay off the tax is quite costly. Its cost to the next generation is not only dollar-for-dollar, but also represents a loss of potential interest through investment elsewhere. If a 10 percent interest rate is assumed, then the use of cash to pay off the $1.9 million in our earlier example would entail a loss of $190,000 every year in investment opportunity, compounding not included.

Most importantly, the use of corporate cash requires the inheritors to operate the business with an immediate removal of significant working capital — a loss no more easily handled by them than it would be for the owner to handle while living. In addition, more than one dollar of corporate cash is required to put one dollar of cash, after tax, in the hands of the shareholders.

An estate freeze is often discussed by clients who own capital gains tax liabilities. A freeze ensures that all of the future growth in the value of the business belongs to the next generation, thereby intending to limit the tax liability at death. In fact, two things happen: the already accumulated gain is unchanged up to the date of declaration, meaning the potential tax liability existing at the time of the freeze remains and will have to be paid by the first generation at the time of its death; and any further capital growth belongs to the children, thus passing on the tax burden for future growth. A freeze does not negate the capital gains tax — it merely defers part of it to the child's death and causes a parent and child to share the burden.

The simplest, most worry free and typically the most cost-efficient way to pay the capital gains tax is to use life insurance. Life insurance provides cash, in the right amount, completely liquid, immediately available and tax-free. This cash is guaranteed to be paid upon death — an infusion of money when it is most needed.

Out of all the methods above, insurance is the only one which provides a predetermined sum which is not subject to current market forces, the confidence and reliability of others, the "fire sale" mentality or the pretax-post-tax dollar dilemma.

Affluent people do not need life insurance to create their estates. They need it to conserve them and to avoid forced liquidations, mortgaging of family assets, or the loss of the working value of their cash.

In comparison to other methods, the use of life insurance is by far the cheapest — it is truly the provision of discounted dollars. Depending on the age of the individual and the type of program desired, the approximate cost of coverage varies from $1 to $5 per $1,000 of coverage per year. If the individual were to self-insure (accrue money on his own), he would typically have to earn 12 to 18 percent on his money to equal a tax-free life insurance policy, assuming death at the expected mortality age. Further, the cost of the insurance can usually be paid in 10 years or less and, in some cases, the death benefit rises to help offset increases in the tax debt that will have to be paid.

To use our earlier example, where the amount owing is $1.9 million, a cheque can be written for the full amount or, through the use of insurance, the $1.9 million could be managed by paying approximately 3 percent of $1.9 million for each of 10 years.

In our experience, clients would rather pay less now than pay Revenue Canada much more later.

There is a price tag for doing something and a price tag for doing nothing; when it comes to the capital gains tax, the price tag for doing nothing is much greater than the price tag for doing something. You can either pass on your good investment to your family unencumbered, or you can allow your estate to suffer the from forced sales, additional tax burdens, bank and interest rates, and loss of liquidity.

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Demand may stimulate market

TORONTO — Demand for affordably-priced resale homes may soon provide the stimulus necessary to jumpstart Toronto's move-up market, according to the fall 1993 issue of the Royal LePage *Survey of Canadian House Prices*.

"While prices in the upper-end of the market are stagnating or declining, prices remain steady in the lower-end of the market," says Gino Romanese, Royal LePage vice-president and regional manager. "It's during this period, when the difference between the prices of the two types of housing narrows, that many move-up buyers take the plunge.

"Basically, it all boils down to cost savings," says Romanese. "And, the fact of the matter is, it's cheaper to move-up to a larger home now than one year ago, based on the difference between what a vendor gets when he sells his home and what he pays for a larger property."

For instance, in Downsview, the price of a detached bungalow has dropped over 7 percent since October 1992, from $210,000 to $195,000. In the same area, an executive detached two-storey home has dropped more than 10 percent, from $295,000 to $265,000. Therefore, the bungalow owner would be looking at a cost of $70,000 to move-up, down from $85,000 in the previous year. In 1989, the move-up cost would have been $139,000.

"That's a 50 percent reduction in the cost of moving up," says Romanese.

In South Etobicoke, the price of a detached bungalow has risen 2.6 percent from $155,000 to $159,000. An executive detached two-storey home has dropped just over 9 percent, falling from $220,000 to $200,000. The move-up cost for a bungalow owner is now $41,000, compared with $65,000 last year.

North Toronto, which is one of the most stable areas in the city, has seen the price of a detached bungalow hold steady at $280,000, while the price of an executive detached two-storey has dropped 2 percent to $485,000. The cost associated with moving-up would be $205,000, $10,000 less than last year.

"Moving-up may not be possible for all homeowners," says Romanese. "But, for homeowners who are financially secure, this market represents opportunity. Low mortgage rates, combined with declining housing prices in the upper-end categories, has made moving-up a more attractive proposition."

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Pointe Claire Montreal, Que.	103,000.	90,000.	80,000.
Downsview Toronto, Ont.	139,000.	85,000.	70,000.
Kanata Ottawa, Ont.	68,000.	62,000.	60,000.
River Heights Winnipeg, Man.	46,000.	41,000.	40,000.
Dalhousie Calgary, Alta.	62,000.	37,000.	34,000.
Castledowns Edmonton, Alta.	43,000.	43,000.	33,000.
West Vancouver Vancouver, B.C.	218,000.	190,000.	160,000.

Source: Royal LePage Research

* *Only purchase prices are considered in the cost comparison.*

The move-up cost is the difference between the price the vendor will get when selling his property (bungalow) and the price he will pay for the larger move-up property (executive detached two-storey).

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The signing of the principles of agreement between Israel and the PLO on the White House lawn Sept. 14 represents more than just a momentous breakthrough towards peace between the two warring parties. It also represents an historic point of departure towards creating institutions and programs for regional economic co-operation and development involving the entire Middle East.

The agreement itself devotes considerable attention to the urgent requirements for rehabilitating and developing the Palestinian economy and society, in the wider context of regional economic arrangements encompassing Israel and the neighboring Arab states. Indeed, Article XVI of the agreement calls for a "Marshall Plan" and other regional initiatives to be designed within the framework of the multilateral working groups set up under the Madrid peace process.

Because of conflicts, tensions and boycotts, the Middle East has been slow to build upon the potentials for regional economic co-operation compared to Europe, Asia and the Americas. Nevertheless, in the words of PLO negotiator Mahmoud Abbas, signatory to the agreement, "economic development is the principal challenge facing the Palestinian people after years of struggle . . . We are looking to the world for its support and encouragement in our struggle for growth and development which begins today."

The regional economic co-operation proposal put forward in the Israeli-PLO agreement consists of three interrelated initiatives: a protocol on Israel-Palestinian co-operation on economic and development programs for the West Bank and Gaza, and a regional economic development program. The aim is to build peace through development and co-operation.

Israeli-Palestinian co-operation will address shared interests in such vital matters as agriculture, water, energy, industry, trade and investment, transport and communications, labor relations, social welfare, education, training and research. The program for the Palestinian territories will emphasize social rehabilitation including housing, small and medium business development, economic infrastructure, and human development through education, health and poverty alleviation measures.

Regional co-operation

At the wider regional level, the agreement calls for a joint Israeli, PLO and other Arab effort at creating a regional economic development program. A new regional framework for economic co-operation would have to be established. This would be based on a Middle East Development Fund, to be followed by a Middle East Development Bank, akin to the regional development banks operating in Asia and elsewhere.

The agenda for regional economic co-operation identifies a number of joint Israel-Palestinian-Jordanian projects, together with proposals for broadly based economic and technological co-operation involving all countries of the Middle East.

The former include plans for the co-ordinated exploitation of Dead Sea resources, including a canal linking the Mediterranean and Dead seas, water management, desalination and interconnection of electricity grids. These projects would dovetail with broader regional proposals for co-operation in energy planning and distribution, telecommunications, transportation, tourism and agricultural development, including a combined effort at combatting and reversing desertification.

All this amounts to an ambitious, albeit visionary and yet realistic regional development agenda. In his speech at the White House ceremony, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres promised assistance to the Palestinians in "making Gaza prosper and Jericho bloom again."

Yet, it is clear that the vision of Middle East economic progress will require external support, since the resource requirements will far exceed the domestic capabilities of the individual countries concerned.

Already financial commitments are being put into place by Japan, the United States, Canada, Germany, the European Community, the Scandinavians, the World Bank and the Arab Gulf states, led by Saudi Arabia. For all these donors, investment in building an economic framework for peace will be far more worthwhile and much less costly than the alternative of continued conflict and instability across the Middle East.

Economic co-operation in the Middle East promises to open up new and potentially far-reaching opportunities for progress. A threatened water shortage that could jeapordize the very basis of Middle East developments may possibly be overcome by chanelling surplus fresh water from Turkey southwards to Syria, Jordan, Israel and Palestine. Until now, this Turkish idea was frustrated by conflict in the region. Turkey is positioned to play a key role in the creation of a regional framework for economic co-operation, given the size and sophistication of its economy, its heritage as a secular, modern Islamic society and its longstanding relationship with both Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Egypt, with its population resources and industrial potential, Saudi Arabia with its energy and finances, Syria, Jordan and the Emirates of the Gulf Co-operation Council, are all likely participants in and beneficiaries of the regional programs suggested in the Israel-Palestinian accord. Even Iraq and Iran, still intransigent in their hostility to Israel and to peace, may one day realize that it is not in their interest to isolate themselves forever from the emergent framework of Middle East economic co-operation. In this age of globalization, there can be nothing more damaging to a country's development prospects than being excluded from wider regional economic arrangements.

A viable peace must have a sustainable economic basis. The Israel-PLO agreement realistically promotes economic co-operation for its confidence-building implications and as a foundation for the structure of peace in the Middle East. The events of this past week transformed a hitherto impossible conflict into a plausible peace based on joint planning for shared prosperity and economic growth.

(Ozay Mehmet and Martin Rudner are professors in the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University.)

JEWELRY

Industry may benefit from peace accord

TEL AVIV — The jewelry industry has declared that it is expecting direct benefits from the implementation of the Israeli-Palestininan peace accord.

This fast-growing area anticipates a substantial boost to its half a billion dollars in annual exports with the possible opening of new markets in the Arab world.

According to Itzhak Ben Dor, managing director of the Israel Jewelry Manufacturers Association, the heavy 18-karat gold chains, necklaces, bracelets and rings, many set with diamonds and gemstones, produced in Israel are ideally suited to consumers in the nearby oil-rich Arab nations. The biggest markets now are in the United States (to which it is the fourth largest supplier), Germany, Japan and France.

Israeli jewellers are banking on the fact that the boycotting Arab countries will find it convenient and economical to buy from sources who have close ties to local Arab consumers and their preferences.

Locally, Ben Dor predicts that residents of Jordan and the Israeli-administered territories will buy more jewelry under the Israeli-PLO agreement. He also thinks Israeli jewellers can open new markets in major Muslim markets in Asia, such as Indonesia, as well as in Arab communities in Europe and the United States.

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For many years Halpern worked for various new home builders, assisting them with interior design. A former member of the Toronto Home Builders Association, she decided to go into real estate because she wanted to mix her sales and design ability.

For the past four years, since the beginning of the slump in the home sales market, she has been selling real estate exclusively for Alan Newton Real Estate. She said the key to her success in the '90s real estate market is hard work, determination, patience and honesty. "People buy what they like and can afford and the overall experience of buying and selling should be enjoyable and a good memory."

Halpern began working in sales when she was in high school, starting out at a major retail chain, and later she acquired a certificate in marketing.

She says her best teacher in real estate was and still is her mother, a "top producer" in North Toronto resale properties during the '60s. "I've learned a lot from her and watched many sold stickers and signs go up. Most weekends I'd accompany her to open houses and watch her in action. I'd admire her for her patience and truthfulness with clients.

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New dental procedure offers patients options

There may be a superior solution to the problems of missing teeth, loose, or uncomfortable dentures or bridges. The solution is a technique called dental implantology, a procedure which is finally beginning to gain the recognition it deserves in Canada.

Recently, Dr. Jon Perlus, a leading dental implantologist, discussed the benefits of this relatively new dental procedure.

What are Dental Implants?

Dental implants were pioneered in Sweden by Professor Per-Ingvar-Branemark who found that titanium bonded to bone tissue, as if the titanium were bone itself — a process called osseointegration. After a period of about six months following the implantation, the titanium became structurally integrated with the bone, just like a natural tooth root. An artificial tooth could then be attached directly to the titanium "root," resulting in a strong, new tooth. Today, the procedure has become routine and is completed in two stages.

During the first stage, the titanium "roots" are installed where teeth are missing, or have to be moved, providing the same function as the original tooth root. After the jaw strengthens around the artificial root, a permanent replacement tooth is attached to the titanium anchor. The new tooth is then cosmetically shaped and contoured to ensure a customized, natural look. This technique can replace one tooth, several teeth, or an entire dentation if necessary.

Unlike dentures or bridges which require other teeth for support, dental implants are completely self-supporting — no other adjacent teeth need to be damaged or filed to support the implant. Dentures and partial dentures almost always require removal for cleaning, a routine that can be time consuming, painful and sometimes even embarrassing. However, says Dr. Perlus, "dental implants are permanently anchored to the jaw, and with proper care, can often last a lifetime."

Implants Can Solve a Variety of Dental Problems

The implant procedure has recently been perfected so that it can treat a wide range of dental problems. Variations in the procedure may be used to eliminate a partial denture, stabilize a complete denture, or support a fixed bridge. Permanent implants can now be placed even where gum disease has caused serious damage.

"The implant procedure varies by patient and the type of implant used," says Dr. Perlus, "but most patients can be treated right in the dental office, under a local, or if they prefer, general anesthetic." Although dental implants can cost more than a removable denture, "they offer real advantages in terms of comfort and appearance" — benefits many find well worth the extra cost says Dr. Perlus.

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Dr. Jon Perlus

Dr. Perlus is a frequent lecturer to dental students and practicing dentists and has published articles on techniques and considerations necessary to achieve a high level of success. For his contributions to this innovative new field of dental surgery, Dr. Perlus was recently awarded the Gold Medal by the American Society of Osseointegration and a Fellowship by the International Congress of Oral Implantologists.

A Real Alternative to Dentures and Bridges

Dr. Perlus says that he is concerned over the lack of public knowledge about the benefits of dental implants, as there is often a lag time between the acceptance of a new technique and its introduction.

"I have written and lectured about this technique because I feel it is important to know that there are real alternatives to dentures and bridges for those patients who are candidates for the procedure," said Dr. Perlus from his Pleasant Boulevard clinic. According to Dr. Perlus, "it is unfortunate that some patients are not aware of implantology and struggle with other alternatives which are less aesthetically pleasing and often very uncomfortable."

Dental implant treatment requires special knowledge, training and facilities. Dr. Perlus advises that it is important that the procedure be performed by qualified practitioners with formal training and experience in dental implants. Although the procedure is not as popular as it deserves to be at this time, as more and more patients learn about the technique, dental implants will eventually find their way into mainstream dentistry.

Dr. Perlus's practice is located in central Toronto. Readers with questions about the dental implant procedure can phone his office at (416) 925-1856.

Party Packagers: The right store for the times

In 1985, Party Packagers retail store was a dimly-lit corner of a warehouse in Downsview where customers could buy quality toys and party supplies at next-to-wholesale prices. Advertising was non-existent and the rented portable sign on Finch was regularly towed away from its vacant lot.

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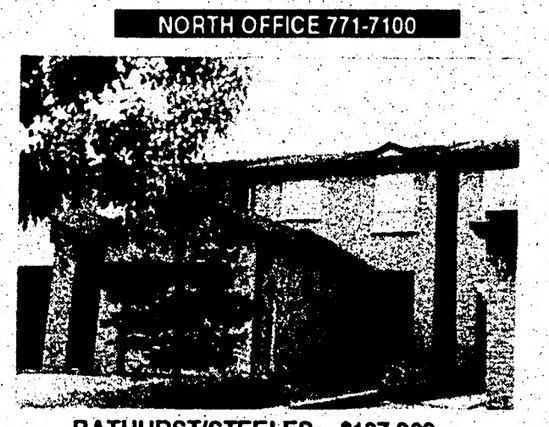

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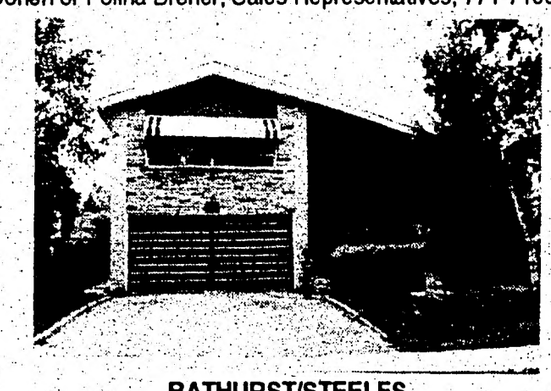

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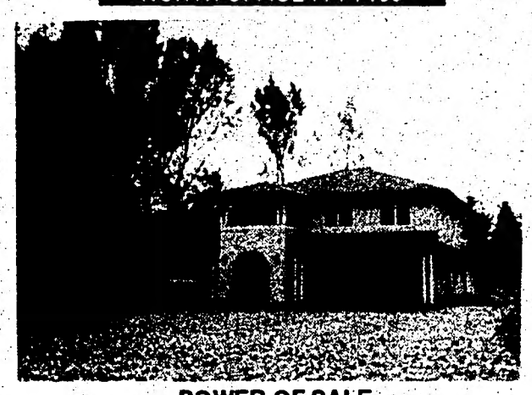

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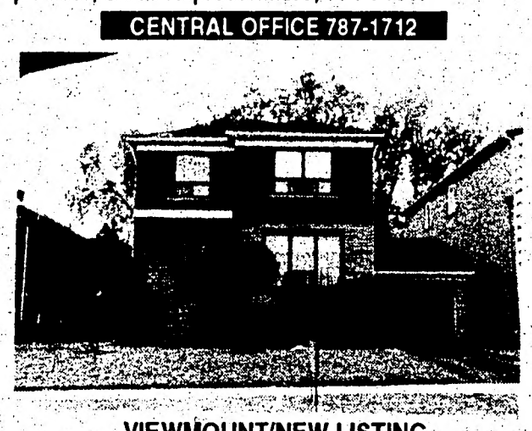

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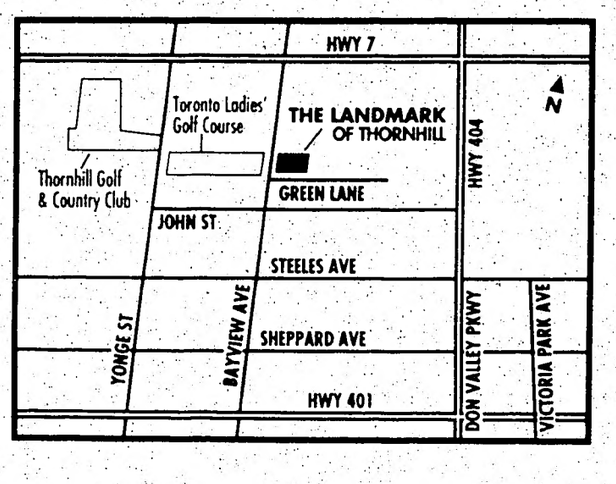

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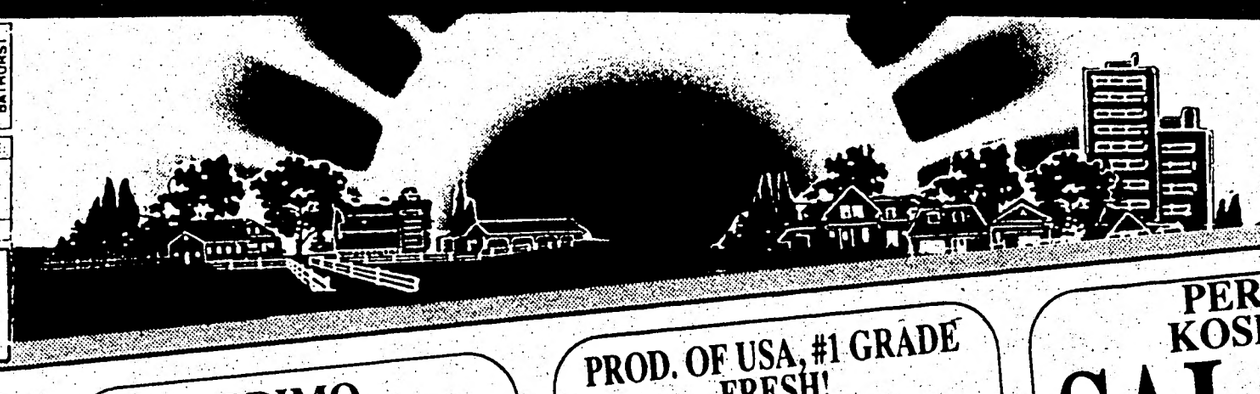

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WHITE OR PINK
GRAPEFRUIT 4/.99

THE NATURAL DESSERT! SWEET AS SUGAR
CANTALOUPES .99 ea.

PROD. OF CANADA, #1 GRADE FRESH SAVE $1.00
P.E.I. BAKER
POTATOES 1.99 10 lb poly bag

PROD. OF USA, #1 GRADE JUICY, SWEET
FLORIDA
ORANGES 2.99 Large 5 lb. bag

CONTINENTAL PURE JAMS
APRICOT & STRAWBERRY
.99 375 ml jar

BARTENURA'S ASST. KOSHER
CAKES
2/5.00 350-500 oz

BAG 'N BAKE OR NO FRY
COATING MIX
.99 5 oz box

SUGAR FREE! SALT FREE!
NEW! PEOPLE DROP
CANDIES
1.99 asst 84 g bag Kosher

KOSHER MEAT SPECIALS!

CHAI KOSHER FRESH-FROZEN
CHICKEN LEGS ✡ 1.39 lb.

FRESHLY GROUND KOSHER
MINCED CHICKEN ✡ 3.89 lb.

MOTHER'S ASSORTED
GEFILTE FISH
1.99 12 oz glass

MAJESTA BATHROOM TISSUE
1.49 2 ply 6 roll pkg

SEALTEST PARLOUR
ICE CREAM
2.99 2 ltr tub
SAVE $2.00

PROD. OF ISRAEL BEIT HASHITA
CUCUMBERS IN BRINE
2.99 725 g tin

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TO WILMINGTON STORE ONLY!

FREE SUNNYBROOK Shuttle Bus Service
Tuesdays & Thursdays
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9:30 AM	PICK UP AT Cedarcroft & Bathurst (Cedarcroft next to Royal Bank)	9:35 AM	PICK UP AT 135 Antibes Dr. (in front of apartment building)	9:45 AM	PICK UP AT 15 & 25 Canyon Ave. (Canyon, near Bathurst Street)	9:50 AM	PICK UP AT 4455 Bathurst St. (in front of apartment building)	10 AM	ARRIVES SUNNYBROOK	11 AM	DEPARTS SUNNYBROOK
We reserve the right to limit quantities.		12:40 PM	PICK UP AT JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. (at main entrance)	12:45 PM	PICK UP AT B'nai Brith Building 4266 Bathurst (on Reiner Rd.)	1:00 PM	ARRIVES SUNNYBROOK	2:00 PM	DEPARTS SUNNYBROOK		

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